



# MARY HELP *of* CHRISTIANS ACADEMY

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Dear Parents,

Every Easter we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, but if we allow the ‘miracle’ of Easter to touch our spiritual self then it also has the power to draw us deeper into the heart of Jesus. As we live out the promise of Jesus we then begin to personally experience a renewed love, the grace to forgive and the inspiration to live a holy life.

Several of you are being challenged right now as the economic crisis in our nation is beginning to touch you personally with the loss of jobs, or maybe a sudden illness or death. It is just in these moments that we need to hold on to our faith and find meaning in our lives that are not dependent on a job or position, the money I earn or possessions I own but rather how much I love and I am loved. God loves you in a very special way and will be your strength and hope along life’s journey but it is important that each one responds to that love and lives in hope! It is in our fear that we come to realize that only the Risen Christ and the Spirit he gives us can save us. The light of the risen Christ opens wide the doors we may find bolted shut and enters every fear-filled chamber of our life and fills that place with his grace and peace.

During the month of May we honor Mary, the Mother of God and in a special way we remember our own mothers. They were the first to nurture in us the desire to love, to forgive and to live holy lives. May Mary, our Heavenly Mother, help us to continue to hope in the Easter promise of resurrection, giving us the strength and courage to live each day’s challenge in peace and joy.

As we near the end of the scholastic year 2009-2010, I wish to personally *thank you* for your cooperation and support throughout the year. It has been a pleasure collaborating with you in the education of your daughters and I look forward to the coming year with much enthusiasm and joy.

I also wish to congratulate our parents who have daughters graduating from Mary Help of Christians Academy- both our Seniors and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders. We are very proud of each of them and assure you of our continued prayers and support as they continue in a new way and direction to fulfill God’s plan in their lives.

Seniors take their final exams May 25-28. 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will take their final exams June 1-4. Please remember that all financial obligations must be paid in full before final exams can be taken.

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors begin exams the week of June 14th. Again, exams will be administered to those who have been cleared from financial obligations. Also, in the next few weeks

information will be sent home and posted on Edline with information about summer programs that will be offered at Mary Help for your daughters who wish to attend.

I wish to thank our 2009-2010 our PTG Board: Sue Sulick, Rosemary Cronin, Catherine Schmielpfenig, Lisa Garcia and Pat Cahill. Together with them, I wish to thank all of our parents for your support, hard work, and sacrifice of time throughout the year.

Congratulations to our new PTG Board for 2010-2011:

President – Sue Sulick  
V. President – Rosemary Cronin  
Treasurer –  
Recording Secretary – Pat Cahill  
Corresponding Secretary – Catherine Schmielpfenig

*Salesian Sisters News...* Sr. Danielle will be making her Perpetual Vows on August 5<sup>th</sup> and Sr. Rosalie DiPeri will be celebrating her 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Religious profession on July 11<sup>th</sup>. We wish them many blessings as they continue to follow God's Plan in their lives.

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Important Calendar Dates to Remember

May

12	Grade 8 class trip to NYC
13	Grades 7 & 8 science trip to Liberty Science Center
14	Middle School Dance (7-10pm)
14-15	Freshmen/Sophomore Retreat
17	True Love Waits Mass – 7pm
19	Middle School - Rutgers University
21	Grade 6 – Bronx Zoo class trip
24	Gratitude Day / School Rosary / May Crowning Ring Ceremony for Juniors & Grade 8
<b>28</b>	<b>Noon Dismissal</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>No School</b>

June

2	Ana Maria Auxilium Award Ceremony / Senior Prom
4	Baccalaureate Mass / Award Ceremony – 7pm Noon Dismissal
5	High School Graduation – 3pm
8	Grade 8 Graduation Mass & Ceremony – 7pm
14-16	Underclassmen / Grades 6-7 Final Exams – Noon Dismissal (each day) 16 <sup>th</sup> is the last day of school for all students who do not need to make-up exams.
17-18	Final Exam Make-Up Days

God bless!  
Sr. Kim Keraitis, FMA  
Principal