

OLD MISSION MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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St. Peter Damian

"That which does not kill me makes me strong." The life of Peter Damian proves the truth of this old saying. Peter was a survivor. Born into an already large family in Italy, Peter was seen by his family as just an extra mouth to feed. When his parents died, Peter found himself in the household of an older brother, who underfed him and treated him as a slave. Like the prodigal son in the Gospel of Luke, Peter was forced to tend pigs. Finally another brother provided him with the money to go away to school. Despite his lack of early training, Peter was a fine student. By the time he was 25 years old he had become a famous professor. He taught at two universities. Perhaps because he knew what it was like to go hungry, Peter invited poor people to dine with him almost every evening. He served the meal himself.

Peter wanted to pray and study scripture, so he became a monk. Soon he was appointed head of his community, and he remained in that position for 30 years. Eventually Peter was named bishop of Ostia and a cardinal of the church. He fought hard against abuses of power by the clergy, such as paying bribes to obtain important jobs in the church. He encouraged monks to live a simple life of prayer. He was asked many times by popes to assist other monasteries, especially when they had arguments or scandals. Seven popes considered Peter their trusted advisor.

St. Peter Damian, pray for us.



DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **Thursday, February 18th**, "What's at the top of the stairs, 6:30 p.m., Room 212
- **Thursday, February 18th**, Altar Servers meeting, 6:30 pm in the Serra Center
- **Friday, February 19th**, 11:00 am Transition - Elementary Mass, 12:30/12:45 pm dismissal
- **Friday, February 19th**, **Annual Shrimpfest**, MSLRP Knights of Columbus host this "All You Can Eat" from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, see flyer for more details.
- **Thursday, February 25th**, General PTG Meeting, 6:30 pm, McKeon Center

LATE NITE CATECHISM

What a fabulous evening! From the delectable nibbles and to the delight of many, the *Chocolate Fountains*, everyone was in great spirits as they entered the Serra Center for Sister's Late Nite Catechism Class, "Til Death Do Us Part"; many not knowing what to expect! Sister of course had her

eye on a few in the "class", but she certainly kept everyone laughing, thoroughly enjoying their evening out! All of this would not have been possible if it were not for the dedication of our PTG President Nicki Nugent, the OMMS Late Nite Catechism Committee: Mary Rudick, Laura Visco, Cheri Bell, Patty Fairlie, Denise Marquez, Irma Torres, Sandra Smith, Lisa Caso, Monique Bobadilla, Marge Ontiveros, Melissa Gillespie, and Janie Newsom, for executing every detail and doing it with a smile for the children of our school. We also owe our gratitude to our sponsor Eternal Hills Memorial Park and our supporters for their attendance; on behalf of the children, OMMS faculty and staff, we THANK YOU! The evening was an incredible gift and through Sister's collection at the end we raised \$942 for the Sister's of the Precious Blood!

CAN YOU ASSIST?

We are in need of some individuals to help position newer coverings to replace the "old tattered coverings" on the fenced enclosure directly across from the

preschool near the Hockey Rink. If you are interested and have time please contact the office for more information. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.



What's at the Top of the Stairs?

Have you ever wondered about our upper levels, curious about the classrooms, and the curriculum? Then consider joining us this evening for our annual informational meeting entitled "What's At The Top of The Stairs?". This meeting is open to all prospective parents of students entering Senior Elementary and Middle School; it will begin at 6:30 on the second floor of the main building in room 212. Parents who have previously attended this informational meeting have expressed surprise as they were unaware of the curriculum and the scope of what does take place within our upper levels at OMMS. These levels fully prepare your child for high school in a safe, secure, faith-oriented educational environment where respect and your child's success is our priority. Therefore in looking towards the upcoming 2010-2011 school year we would encourage you to attend this meeting to have your questions answered and receive the information first hand prior to making a decision for your child's ongoing education.



Knights of Columbus Annual Shrimpfest

Don't Come join our parish for the Annual Shrimpfest, this Friday, February 19th at 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This is an "all you can eat" shrimp and fish event. The cost is: Adults - \$15, Children 6 to 12 - \$10, under 6 -free, Family Pack - \$50.

UPDATE On Proposed Fellowship Center

If you recall the Oceanside Historical Preservation Advisory Commission (OHPAC) met again on February 9, to revisit the consideration of a General Plan amendment to allow for the construction of 59 bed, non-medical, 24 hour, Drug and Alcohol Recovery facility just northeast of our preschool building and north of the P.E. Field. After some discussion and 17 public speakers, the commissioners' (4) vote ended 2-2 with a no action result. This will now return to the Planning Commission as an Agenda Item for Public Hearing at a date to be determined. We will keep you apprised

of when this item has been placed on the Oceanside Planning Commission's Agenda as a Public Hearing Item. Again if you feel that this is not a good site for this proposed facility we encourage you to contact members of the Oceanside City Council via email or letters.

MAINTAIN OUR PARISH (MOP)

Remember this group meets in the morning on the second Saturday of every month to help beautify our Parish and *School* grounds. If you have some time on a second Saturday please consider lending a hand or two, it benefits everyone plus provides opportunities to enjoy nature!



2009-2010 OMMS Yearbook

It is time to place your order for your 2009-2010 school yearbook. As in past yearbooks, you are invited to advertise your business and send a "Personal Message" to your child or children. The deadline to purchase a "full color" yearbook for the price of \$25 is February 26th. Orders placed after that date will be \$30. Order forms are available in the school office.



OMMS Moms In Touch

Need parent participation hours? Moms in Touch invites you to join our non-denominational worldwide prayer organization—even if you haven't prayed in years. Grandmothers at OMMS are welcome too! We meet each Friday morning for 45 minutes after drop-off in Room 21 across the hall from Ms. Jenn's classroom. To make specific prayer request you may e-mail me, Ann McKinnell, at ann@ibmcal.com.



Prayer Corner - Please keep the following members of our school family in your prayers:

- ~ Anna Meyer's father, William Avery
- ~ Gabriel Arvizu
- ~ The Lash Family
- ~ The Garofolo Family
- ~ Michael Valeriano's Aunt Susana Iquique
- ~ Lucinda Vansta
- ~ Anthony Glodek
- ~ The Arguello Family
- ~ Michael Lindsey
- ~ Connor McWayne's Grandma
- ~ Blanche Lindsey
- ~ Our deployed men and women of the armed forces