



# What's the Noise?

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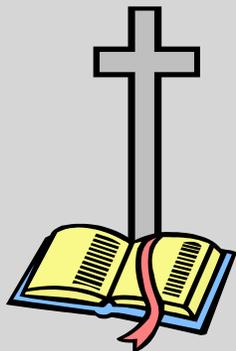
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## Bible Verse of the Month

**Isaiah 40:30-31**

**Even youths grow tired and weary and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.**



## Student Spotlight

This month's student spotlight is the animators for NCYC this fall. These are the people that will be on stage in front of around 25,000 people in Indianapolis at the National Catholic Youth Conference. I have statements from three of the four animators: Siena, Jourdan, and Colette. Siena said, "Being an NCYC Animator is such an honor, a privilege, and an incredible opportunity. Quite honestly, I'm still in shock that I am an animator! Every aspect of this position is amazing. I have formed strong friendships with other animators, I've worked hard and been challenged physically, mentally, and spiritually, and I thank God that He chose me to love Him through this form of discipleship." Jourdan told us "through the Animator program I've met the most inspiring people and had some amazing once in a lifetime experiences. It is absolutely incredible to think that I'll be able to share my faith with 25,000 youth across the nation. All together it has been something I'll never forget." Colette says "I cannot express how blessed I am for the opportunity to give back to the program that literally changed my life. NCYC was the first time I took the plunge into my faith through active participation, so this leadership role will give me the chance to share the same Light of God that set my faith aflame."



## Saint of the Month

As Catholic Americans, the words "Founding Fathers" bring to mind famous people like John the Baptist or Abraham Lincoln. However, there are many less-known pioneers whose brave persistence in the very trying times of the early America have helped shape our nation's history. For example, St. Jean de Brébeuf, who was born in 1593 and a French native, is not well known, even though his life impacted so many. The Jesuit missionary arrived in America in 1625 to evangelize Native Americans, and lived a simple life in the Huron community for over 15 years. In 1648 the Iroquois declared a genocide to exterminate the Huron. When the Iroquois attacked the Huron village he lived in, Brébeuf and his assistant, Gabriel Lalemant, were captured.

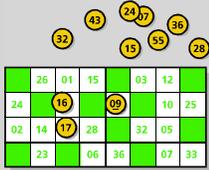
Both were offered a chance to escape, but chose instead to stay with the Huron and help build their spiritual defenses in the face of the very physical torture. A small child caught in the tribal wars would later continue this mission of selflessness in the next generation of spiritual guides, and become the first canonized Native American saint. Her name was Kateri Tekakwitha. Brébeuf was canonized in 1930 with the seven other "North American martyrs", fellow missionaries caught in the Native American tribal wars. He is the patron saint of Canada. His feast day is October 19th.



**Upcoming Events:**

NCYC-  
Nov. 21-23

Basket Bingo-  
Nov. 9  
St. Joseph's in Odenton



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**Parish and School Updates**

St Ignatius – Raising money for youth group

St Ursula – Pumpkin carving event

St. Josephs in Odenton – Basket weaving fundraiser, casserole collection, NCYC

St. Johns – Everything is going great

Church of Holy Apostles – Paintball event, advent party, team café

St. Charles – Archbishop Lori celebrated 160th anniversary, fall festival,

Sacred Heart of Jesus – Halloween party, fundraising

St. Andrew's by the Bay – Collecting coats, Martial Arts demonstration,

confirmation retreat, youth band at Christmas mass, new youth minister, monster mash

Holy Trinity – Thanksgiving dinner, fundraising for sister parish

Archbishop Curley – Senior retreats, food drive for thanksgiving

Our Lady of the Chesapeake – Fall retreat, preparing for NCYC, raise funds for winter relief shelters

St. Mary's – Fundraising for NCYC, catholic heart work camp

Mt. St. Joseph's – Kicks for cans, All Saints day mass, canned food drive

St. Mark's Catonsville – High school youth group, middle school youth group, M2K

Catholic High – All Saints day mass, junior retreat

Sacred Heart – Confirmation Mass, Corn Maize for youth group

Archbishop Spalding – All Saints day mass, Canned food drive, sophomore day of service, senior retreats

John Carroll high school – All Saints day mass, Junior retreats, Mass at basilica for 50th anniversary

Maryvale – All Saints day mass, canned food drive, senior trip

St. Mark's in Fallston – Children's Choir, fundraising for NCYC, M2K, M2K video challenge, bible study for high school students, trunk or treat, confirmation, EDGE

**Service Updates**

Arthritis Foundation – Jingle Bell Run

At Marley Station Mall

Needs help with set up and clean up

November 17, 2013

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**Hot Topic**

Pope Francis announced the future canonizations of both Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII in the upcoming spring on April 27, 2014. Through this decision, Pope Francis wants to provide a strengthened sense of unity among Catholics. The current pope also believes these soon-to-be saints rightfully deserve to become saints because of their contributions affecting people on a global scale, including the efforts of John Paul II who encouraged the fall of Communism in

his native Poland and across Eastern Europe, in addition to the efforts of John XXIII, who assembled the liberalizing Second Vatican Council, which ran from 1962 to 1965. The canonization of Pope John XXIII is a controversial issue because people can only attribute one miracle to his life, whereas sainthood usually requires the necessity of having two miracles attributed to a candidate for sainthood. Pope Francis greatly admires Pope John XXIII, and many people

believe his canonization is supported because it will take place during the fiftieth anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. Another reason for supporting this canonization derives from the decision to canonize Pope John Paul II, and the conservatives who initially opposed his canonization are pacified through this decision.