



Saint Agnes School
Arlington Catholic
High School

President's Monthly Message

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Presidential Perspectives with Dr. Andrew Keough



As most of you are aware, January 28th-February 3rd was Catholic Schools Week (CSW). We had a great celebration, holding a variety of events that brought people together, recognized our dedicated educators, and served as a celebration of our Faith.

As I walked through the many experiences for the first time, I could not help but be reminded of how valuable the gift of faith is to our students. It is the one tool that they can take away from their time at Saint Agnes School/Arlington Catholic that will sustain them in life when dark times invariably come. Think about it. For each of us Catholics, someone, somewhere along the line, loved us enough to teach us that there is a being greater than us who loves unconditionally and will sustain us no matter what. God, not only looks out for us but holds us in the palm of His hand. He never forgets us and never abandons us, no matter how much we abandon him... If that is not “power in your corner” as you enter out into the world, I don’t know what is!

One of the final events of CSW was our Arlington Catholic Drama Club’s (ACDC) performance of Godspell. It was amazing and a true demonstration of students learning about faith and community, in this case through song and dance. There were several powerful songs about God, but the one that really moved me personally was All Good Gifts. It brought me back to my youth and reminded me once again that all of the gifts I have received in life have come from God.

I am thankful to our fabulous students and staff who made the musical production of Godspell possible, but also to all of you who support our school. We are only here because you too know the value of faith and continually support our work. Thank you! If you have Spotify, check out All Good Gifts [here](#). It’s a beautiful song.

All Good Gifts

*We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land..
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand..
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain...
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain...*

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love...*

*We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food,
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts
But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts!*

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above..
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love..*

I really wanna thank you Lord! ~ Matthias Claudius

Sincerely,

Andrew