

From the Principal's Desk
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This year the month of March marks the holy season of **Lent**. On Ash Wednesday, Father Steve spoke to all students about the “pluses” and “minuses” of Lent---doing something extra and making a sacrifice for the forty days ahead. And, as we all know, children learn best by example. We invite you to role model for them by saying a special prayer together or making a special sacrifice together. Record your activity for forty days on a calendar and provide encouragement and support for each other to complete your sacrifice on Easter Sunday.

The first week of March is **Terra Nova, Third Edition** testing week. Terra Nova is our annual standardized testing program authorized by our Archdiocese for Grades 1 to 7. **Trying your best** on these tests is an important assessment of your child's ability and progress as well as the evaluation of our curriculum and our teachers. Please be sure that all students get the proper amount of rest each night and have eaten a healthy breakfast before they come to school each morning. We count on you to help out in this way so that your youngster will be able to focus and try his/her best.

March 19 is Saint Joseph Day. At QPGS we invite all fathers, grandfathers and male guardians to join us for lunch on Friday, March 19. Saint Joseph is the patron saint of all fathers and we welcome you to share in his feast day with our school community. More information will follow later this month.

2010-2011 Registration and Re-Registration are underway. We have asked all parents to sign a **Letter of Intent** in order to hold your child's place right now before paying the re-registration fee. Your student's place will be held only until **April 15**. At that time, we will begin to accept all students on our Waiting List. This year, because of the financial problems that surround us, we cannot assure a place for your child if you have not registered by that date. We count on you to register in a timely manner so that we can plan to provide another year of quality education for all of our students !!

Thank you for completing our parent surveys !

I have received 71 surveys to date from our 310 family base!!

Keep them coming!!