7th Grade Newsletter

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What's been going on and yet to come!

As we approach the "Lenten Season" and still recalling the miracle of Christ's birth to a virgin as predicted in the Old Testament; the 7th grade has devoted the last few classroom periods to discussion of Jesus' miracles during the time of his three years of public life. We have considered why the miracles were performed; were they given for the benefit of those receiving the miracle: or perhaps for all us of to understand that through miracles we have hope that God's Kingdom can be established here on earth.

With hope comes belief and encouragement.

With belief and encouragement, we can devote our life's to accepting Jesus and as Catholics, who need "Good Works" to achieve heaven; our "Good Works" should be directed towards assisting others and thereby achieving and fulfilling God's Kingdom. I reminded my class of my favorite quotation from John Kennedy's Inaugural Address in January of 1961 and not the well-known statement of "ask not what your country can do for you", rather, John Kennedy ended his Inaugural Address with the following words:

> "So, let us go forth and lead the land we love, asking God's help and blessing along the way; but knowing full well here on earth God's work must truly be our own.:

As always parents:

Always keep and open communication with your child about what they are learning in class.

Always feel welcome to come to class! If interested in visiting class and joining in the discussion call Rick Verticchio at 217-415-8076 or just pop in!