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After a lot of prayer and planning, our Campus Ministry department is excited to reveal our new Campus Ministry model! All members of Campus Ministry sophomores, juniors, and seniors will be able to contribute to one of the four branches of ministry: Formation, Service, Community, and Prayer. With this new model we hope to provide opportunities to encounter Christ for all members of our TCHS community. Each branch of ministry has a patron saint who we believe served the Lord and channeled His spirit during their earthly lives, and we ask for their intercession now as Rebels for Christ.



Our patron saint for the Formation Crew is St. Thomas Aquinas, who was a great theologian and doctor of the Church. So much of what we know today as Catholics comes from Aquinas's writings. In his studies he was known for not saying much and was referred to as the Dumb Ox because his peers assumed that he did not know much, but he came to produce great theological works that centered on who God is and how we can come to know Him. As a team, our hope is that we can bring the same love of God and thirst for knowledge that St. Thomas Aquinas had to all members of the TCHS community.



Our patron saint for the Community Crew is Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Frassati is known for being the patron of World Youth Day and a patron for all young people striving for holiness. Pier Giorgio was known for his love of mountain climbing, service to the poor, participation in his community, and joyful friendships. Frassati left a simple phrase on the back of the last photograph ever taken of him. This phrase is, "Verso L'Alto" or "to the heights." This phrase has become symbolic of the life that Frassati lived on his journey to Heaven. With his companionship, our crew hopes to invite the campus of TCHS to fix their eyes on Heaven and strive to journey to the heights of virtue. In turn, we know that God will bless us with abundant joy, meaningful fellowship, and lasting peace.

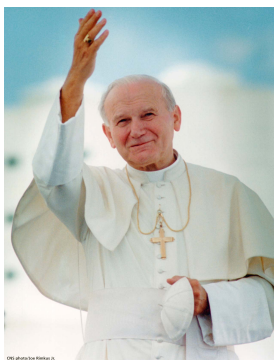


The patron Saint of the service crew is St Teresa of Calcutta. St Teresa is one of the most well known modern saints. She began the Missionaries of Charity with the mission of putting the love of Christ into action. Mother Teresa served tirelessly, the ideals of the Calcutta crew will fall in line with some of the same ideals she based her ministry around. A champion for life, St. Teresa was an advocate for the unborn as well as the poor and dying. Her acts of humble service are an example for all. *“God still loves the world and He sends you and me to be His love and His compassion to the poor,”* with this quote she challenged the world to be Jesus’ hands and feet on the earth in order to spread

his love. Our crew will work to emulate St Teresa’s missionary heart on the Teurlings Catholic campus as well as in our local community.



Our patron saint for the Prayer Crew is St. Therese of Lisieux, who is arguably one of the most important saints of modern times. Although she lived a short and seemingly uneventful life, her spiritual legacy has impacted millions around the world. Soon after she entered the Carmelite monastery as a teenage girl, she embraced a spirituality that emphasized being little so that God’s mercy can be big. St. Therese later called this “The Little Way,” which ultimately rediscovered what’s at the heart of the gospel message: God’s love for sinners. Her teachings have revolutionized our understanding of prayer, which she describes as “the raising of one’s mind and heart to God” (CCC 2559).



Our patron saint for the Administrative Crew is Pope John Paul II. He served as head of the Catholic Church from 1978 until his death in 2005. JP II made a significant impact on young people, calling them to be witnesses of the Word. He urged the youth to be drawn to Christ, to accept Christ’s invitation to follow Him, and to go and preach the Good News. As a leadership team, our crew strives to communicate hope in times of despair, communicate faith in a society of doubt, and to communicate love that can often be overshadowed by selfishness. As JP II did among the world, we hope to build bridges of faith, hope, and love among each ministry crew and the entire TCHS community.