

We at Most Holy Trinity draw all life and love to God through Worship,  
Prayer, Study and Good Works

# Changing the world...

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Dear Friends and Families of Most Holy Trinity School,

“What is faith?” This is a question that I recently asked our eighth graders to answer. As I share some of their answers with you, I’m sure that you will be as impressed as I was and understand even more why I love my job!

*“Our faith is the key to keeping us through life and helping us prepare for situations that we might have that we cannot answer without God’s help.”*

*“I think that the word faith means that you believe in something. But, in the bible the word faith means to hold firm to. The priest tells us the stories about Jesus and the miracles. We didn’t see his miracles happen but we have faith that it is true.”*

*“We all have faith in people of our family, friends, and those we trust in; this type of faith is natural faith. Another type of faith is religious faith; it is the basis for our personal relationship with God. Faith gives us the power to go beyond our human understanding and beyond what we can see and feel and touch around us. Faith empowers us to see through the eyes of God.”*

*“The first quality of faith is, it is reasonable. God made human beings intelligent people to understand as much as we can about our faith. God is the source of faith and reason; we see God’s work by using our intelligence to investigate the world.”*

*“Faith comes somewhat naturally. Without realizing it, we put our faith in others everyday. We believe or have faith that our parents will take good care of us. We need grace to have faith. If you don’t have grace, you don’t have faith because we, ourselves, are incapable of understanding and believing what God has revealed.”*

*“In order to have faith God must reveal Himself to you, and in order for God to reveal Himself to you, you must open yourself to him as the Almighty. Faith means complete trust. This means that we will never feel alone.”*

I also asked them to give me examples in today’s world of Faith at work and people who live a faith-filled life. Their answers spanned from Mother Teresa to our service men and women in Iraq; but by far it was YOU that they felt represented faith and grace in their world. It is you, their families, parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters that they feel represent God’s presence in this world. I thought that you would like to know this and I’m so happy to be able to share our children’s Good News.

Two of the qualities of faith are that it must be communal and professed. In other words, to truly be faith-filled people, we must show our faith in community. We are all aware of the natural disasters that have recently taken place in Samoa, the Philippines and Indonesia. Our first job is to pray for all the people affected by the hurricanes and tsunamis. Next we need to ACT to help in anyway that we can. The school already works in partnership with our Samoan Community at Bingo and now we will continue our friendship and partnership by helping them in their time of need. Beginning today, we will be collecting items to ship to American Samoa and Western Samoa. Our classes will be “buddied-up” to help bring in the most needed supplies. Please help as best you can.

Kinders and Eighth graders: first aide supplies, e.g. band aids, antiseptic lotions  
Seventh and first graders: Outer garments, e.g. shorts, shirts (remember it’s very hot there)

Second and sixth graders: toiletries, e.g. toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap

Fourth and Fifth graders: Shoes (flip-flops) and sheets

Third graders: Flash lights, batteries, candles

These categories are just suggestions from the committee but as you can imagine, much more is needed. Our community at Most Holy Trinity is known for generosity. I have only been here for two years, but in that short time I have been amazed at this caring community. No wonder your children feel that you are their role model in helping to see God in our world.

I hope that you all received your new Activities Calendar and are filling it with your own activities. There are some important dates that I would like to remind you about. This Saturday is our Night Football Game! It’s a MHT tradition. The stars are our boys who get to play football under the lights on their home field. There is food, games, prizes and fun for the whole family.

Next Thursday evening, October 15<sup>th</sup>, is our first Parent SPIRIT meeting at 7pm. Please come and let your voice be heard.

Save Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> for some gardening at our Beautification Day from 9-noon.

Next Monday is a school holiday with the rest of the week dedicated to Parent-Teacher conferences. Tuesday through Friday are 12:30 days to accommodate meeting times.

Serving God’s world in love, one day at a time, one child at a time,

Dorothy Suarez