

DMC NEWSLETTER

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Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions

Martyrs

The evangelization of Korea began during the 17th century through a group of lay persons. A strong vital Christian community flourished there under lay leadership until missionaries arrived from the Paris Foreign Mission Society.

During the terrible persecutions that occurred in the 19th century (in 1839, 1866, and 1867), one hundred and three members of the Christian community gave their lives as martyrs. Outstanding among these witnesses to the faith were the first Korean priest and pastor, Andrew Kim Taegon, and the lay apostle, Paul Chong Hasang.

Among the other martyrs were a few bishops and priests, but for the most part lay people, men and women, married and unmarried, children, young people, and the elderly. All suffered greatly for the Faith and consecrated the rich beginnings

of the Church of Korea with their blood as martyrs.

Pope John Paul II, during his trip to Korea, canonized these martyrs on May 6, 1984, and inserted their feast into the Calendar of the Universal Church.

Prayer

O God, you have created all nations and you are their salvation. In the land of Korea your call to Catholic faith formed a people of adoption, whose growth you nurtured by the blood of Andrew, Paul, and their companions. Through their martyrdom and their intercession grant us strength that we too may remain faithful to your commandments even until death. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

From "Lives of the Saints for Every Day of the Year."

Week Ten

1) Year 12 Examinations: Mock examinations for all Year 12 ATAR subjects are scheduled for the first and second week of the school holidays. Teachers and students have been working hard to prepare for these.

All examinations begin at 9am unless otherwise specified. Students may leave as soon as their examination is over.

Given that these exams take place over the holidays, students are permitted to be out of uniform.

IMPORTANT: ATAR students should return for Term 4, Week 1 and attend classes as normal to receive feedback on their exams, results and final assistance in

preparing for the WACE examinations.

2) Year 12 General Students: All Year 12 students completing General Courses or certificate courses should be finishing up their Year 12 classes in Week 10 this week and do not need to return in Term 4, **unless:**

- **They have outstanding work or assessments**
- **They have been instructed by their teachers to return.**

3) BEGINNING OF TERM 4: The first day of Term 4 will be Monday 11th of October.

4) From the P&F:

The P & F needs you!

The P & F (Parents & Friends) consist of volunteer parents who participate in the spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical growth of the DMC students by working in partnership with the school community. We are seeking parent support for activities (big or small) and we **URGENTLY** require to fill the following positions:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Any members

The P & F will be meeting on 15 October and 12 November in the school boardroom at 1:00 pm.

Announcement: Second hand uniform sale

There has been an interest in purchasing pre-loved uniforms. The P & F will be selling second hand uniforms on Thursday 23 September 2021 from 2.00 pm to 3:15 pm in the school gym hall. The uniforms will include summer and winter clothing, ties, hats and school bags, ranging from \$5 (please note - cash only). A limited amount of Junior to Senior sizes will be available. All money raised will go towards P & F supported school activities.

The P & F also welcomes donations of uniforms any time during the year. Please

hand these into the school uniform shop. Thank you for your support.

Divine Mercy College Buy & Sell Page:

The P & F has created a Facebook page for parents to buy or sell second-hand school uniforms or materials. The link is provided below.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/912010118884607/>

5) Year 11 River Cruise: On Friday the 17th of September, our Year 11s set off on their annual river cruise, where they dressed up and enjoyed a night of dancing, fine food and 'sick beats'. Thanks to all teachers who were instrumental in making this happen, in particular Ms Marri, as well as the teachers and students who were kind enough to demonstrate their mad dance skills.

6) Summer Uniform: In Term 4 (as well as Term 1 of 2021) students will be required to switch to summer uniforms. This includes the following:

Girls Uniform

- Black Skirt
- Short sleeve white shirt with school crest
- White school socks with red and black stripe.
- Black-lace up or Velcro school shoes

Boys Uniform

- Short sleeve white shirt with school crest
- Grey shorts
- Grey school socks with red and black stripe
- Black-lace up or Velcro school shoes

7) Uniform Shop: The uniform shop will be open over the holidays during the following days & times:

Monday 4th of October and Thursday 7th of October from 9am to 12pm.



7) Year 12 Farewell Lunch and Ringing of the Bell: This Friday the 24th of September will be the last official day in DMC for our Year 12 students. So after Mass, they will be treated to a BBQ lunch catered by Mr Laing, and a number of helpful volunteers. After this, there will be ceremonial 'ringing of the bell' at 2pm where our DMC students and staff will farewell our graduates and wish them well.

8) A Note from the Principal:

Dear DMC Parents / Guardians,

It has come to our attention that in recent times some parents / guardians have attempted to resolve issues between their children and fellow students themselves on school grounds.

This type of behaviour is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated by the College. Parents / Guardians are strictly forbidden to approach any students (other than their own) regarding discipline or behavioural matters.

Any issues between students should first be raised to the appropriate classroom / homeroom teachers. Should the outcome be unsatisfactory to any party, the Principal may then be called in to attempt to mediate and resolve the issue.

We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Kind regards,

Adam Zydek
DMC Principal

9) 5-A Side World Cup: Junior Goals Soccer together with Cockburn City Soccer Club are launching their first 5 A SIDE Tournament this summer!



10) City of Cockburn Youth Leadership Programme: City of Cockburn Youth Services is now promoting our annual student leadership program and this year it is going to run as a one day event known as the 'Young Leaders Day'. This will occur in the second week of the T3 holidays on Tuesday 5 October. David Castelanelli, Former WA Youth Ambassador, Youth Motivational Speaker is involved in running the program and it is free to all students who want to get involved.

We are actively seeking Divine Mercy College students who are in Years 10-12 and want to develop their leadership ability.

Thank you!

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