

MOUNT CARMEL ACADEMY



May 10, 2007

Dear Parents and Girls:

May is the month dedicated to the Mother of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary. On May 1, we celebrated Mary with the May Crowning and the Passing of Colors from the seniors to the ninth graders. Senior Rachel Schulz, who had leukemia and was quite ill when she joined us in eighth grade, and for whom we prayed each day, crowned Mary. The senior Board gave their colors, mascot, flowers, song, and cheer to the ninth grade Board members. It was a beautiful ceremony and, of course, brought tears to my eyes.

This was the last official school assembly with the amazing girls in the class of 2007, the eleventh anniversary of my four bypasses, and the realization of how much we have accomplished since Katrina. Father Bob Massett, in his gentle, eloquent way, reached the hearts of the girls. Separation anxiety has caught me, and I am sure you are feeling the same strong emotions as you remember your little girl and observe and celebrate with your beautiful grown daughter.

As I prayed for the class of 2007 and all our girls, I meditated on the words of Scripture, "Jesus grew in wisdom, age, and grace," and "His mother kept these things in her heart." I pray that Jesus, in your daughter's heart and soul, has grown in wisdom, age, and grace," and she will always meditate on Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life.

The other message from Mary which struck me as I said the rosary was the scene at the wedding feast of Cana when Mary was told that they had run out of wine. Mary said, "Do what He tells you." As the girls journey through life and stay close to Jesus, they will hear what Jesus is communicating to them. May they heed Mary's words and "Do what Jesus tells you."

May we all live this way and be the examples we need to be for our girls and our world. Let us pray for one another. God bless you.

Love,

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