# Year B 22nd Sunday Homily Outline

From the Wall Street Journal earlier this year:

At least 209 of the country's nearly 6,000 Catholic schools have closed over the past year, according to the National Catholic Educational Association. More closures are expected this summer. Nationwide, Catholic school enrollment fell 6.4% at the start of this school year, the largest single-year decline since the NCEA began tracking such data in the 1970s.

## First Reading

"THIS GREAT NATION IS TRULY A WISE AND INTELLIGENT PEOPLE. FOR WHAT GREAT NATION IS THERE THAT HAS GOD SO CLOSE TO IT AS THE LORD OUR GOD IS TO US WHENEVER WE CALL UPON HIM? OR WHAT GREAT NATION HAS STATUTES AND DECREASE THAT HER AS JUST AS THIS WHOLE LAW WHICH I AM SETTING BEFORE YOU TODAY?"

## Parallel with our situation in Catholic Education

As Catholics we have this incredible heritage in Catholic education entrusted to us by God that we haven't lived up to.

# Timing?

I wish I would have figured this out a long time ago, but I didn't. But I understand it now.

# Practically speaking what will this look like?

Integration

Dialogue

Formation in virtue

Memorization

\*\*And there will be less and less and less of Chromebooks and kids staring at screens.

Aquinas Classical Academy here as an independent Catholic School which is starting this year with 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades. They have about 22 kids enrolled for this year's 9 & 10th grades.

## Not for everyone

Star of the Sea is going to become a school for families who want to go to Mass on Sunday and who want their children to grow in friendship with Jesus Christ and to be formed as disciples of the Lord knowing his laws and commandments and learning to live them and live the virtues.

# Family formation

This Thursday 6:00 to 8:00 PM potluck in Camerman Hall. Kids will be staying with us for introduction of the Domestic Church Project. Everyone is welcome – even if mostly directed for families.

Resources on Catholic Classical Liberal Education: https://catholicliberaleducation.org

Promotional Video on Catholic Liberal Education from Institute: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYLroraCIXU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYLroraCIXU</a>

Michael Ortner - From Greeks to Geeks: The Classical Liberal Arts as the Best Foundation for STEM: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqkAc8Qhj0I&feature=emb-logo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqkAc8Qhj0I&feature=emb-logo</a>

Stories of other schools who have made this transition: <a href="https://catholicliberaleducation.org/case-studies-2019/">https://catholicliberaleducation.org/case-studies-2019/</a>

More in depth presentation on Catholic Classical Liberal Arts to the National Catholic Education Association: <a href="https://ncea.app.box.com/s/r5wl1u5uchbhzyqcbssc3q44xbwo8isv">https://ncea.app.box.com/s/r5wl1u5uchbhzyqcbssc3q44xbwo8isv</a>

A series of videos that are introductory including a parent panel: <a href="https://catholicliberaleducation.org/2020-pre-conference-content/">https://catholicliberaleducation.org/2020-pre-conference-content/</a>

#### Books:

The Heart of Culture: A brief History of Western Education. Habiger Institute for Catholic Leadership.

Renewing Catholic Schools: How to Regain a Catholic Vision in a Secular Age. Institute for Catholic Liberal Education

Books to read about the state of the Church and the world that help lead us to an understanding of the fact that we cannot keep doing "business as usual".

The Benedict Option: A Strategy for Christians in a Post-Christian Nation. By Rod Dreher Live Not by Lies: A Manual for Christian Dissidents. By Rod Dreher A Church in Crisis: Pathways Forward. By Ralph Martin From Christendom to Apostolic Mission: Pastoral Strategies for an Apostolic Age. University of Mary

### Mass Schedule Change Starting Sept 1st

Monday thru Thursday will be at 7:30am Friday & Saturday will remain at 9am Weekend schedule will not change

\*\*This week\*\*

Monday Daily Mass at 8am & Mass for the Opening of Aquinas Classical at 10am Tuesday Mass will be at 9am for the first day of school at Star Wednesday Mass will be at 7:30am