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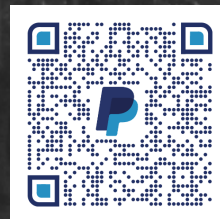
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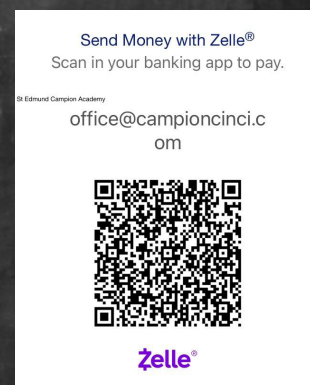


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# CAMPION'S BRAG

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Enemies of Edmund Campion disparagingly referred to his apologia as "Campion's Brag," the title by which his "Challenge to the Privy Council" is most commonly known today, is perhaps the earliest defense of the faith to appear in English during the Reformation.

FALL 2023

### HOW DO YOU TEACH A CHILD TO PRAY?

The education of children is a process fraught with challenges. How do you balance the need to challenge students without overwhelming them? How do you ensure that the student is exposed to enough of the details of so many subjects without being endlessly mired in minutia? How do you make the theoretical realities of great scientific achievements tangible to help students truly internalize not only the formula but the implications of it?

These challenges can all seem overwhelming and insurmountable, but truthfully, pale in comparison to the single most significant challenge of running a Catholic school: How do we transmit the faith as more than just memorized prayers and facts? The faith is not something that can be treated like the Pythagorean theorem, quickly nestled into the deep recesses of the student's mind and forgotten until it needs to be called up and applied for an exam or a practical application. The faith must be lived, it must be experienced, it must be practiced.

This creates a unique challenge for the educator, how do you teach a student not just the reality of a thing but its execution? This is a challenge the scientific disciplines tackled with a simple solution: scientific labs. After teaching the student the theory they then demonstrate the reality and have students interact with that reality. Taking cues from this approach we have developed what we like to call "Religion lab" here at Campion.

This might sound a little contradictory, after all, how can you interact with the physical reality of a spiritual good? We believe that by praying regularly and in community, our students are able to interact with the very real and tangible reality of prayer. Our students start their day with prayer as a community, we



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-Dr. Kunath**

begin our lunch period with the Angelus and Grace, we finish the day together in prayer. Prayer is an essential part of our curriculum. This right ordering of not only the student but the whole of the endeavor towards our creator imbues our daily work with the grace won so precious for us by Christ.

This daily prayer establishes a firm foundation on which we can build. It reminds the students and teachers of why A.M.D.G appears on our seal, it brings us together to direct our efforts and anxieties to our Lord. However, a foundation, while essential is not sufficient. We build on this foundation with the regular reception of the sacraments. Our students have the opportunity to go to confession weekly, attend Mass twice a week and spend time in adoration monthly. This consistent stream of sacramental and actual grace brings a greater sweetness to the Catholic

liturgical life we celebrate here at Campion.

The joy our students experience when the school takes time off for Holy days of obligation, has its breaks in line with the celebratory liturgical seasons (following rather than preceding Christmas and Easter) allows us to deeply connect the liturgical life of the Church with the students most cherished childhood memories.

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This "Religion lab" method is our way of building on the sound and orthodox curriculum we use including the Faith and Life series, the Baltimore Catechism, Fr Laux series, and the Didache series. We are proud of the program we have built for the academic rigor it provides but more than anything because we believe we are doing everything a school can do to help teach not just the truth of the faith but its practice.

While we are proud of what we have accomplished, the realities of our time can be overwhelming. Surveys show that only thirty percent of Catholics who attend Sunday Mass believe in the real presence and many do not even attend Sunday Mass regularly. We will continue to work to build and improve our Religion lab here at Campion and we would encourage you to build your own lab at home, teach your children and grandchildren to pray not just by teaching them prayers but by showing them what it is to pray and to pray daily.

Arthur M. Kunath M.D., Headmaster



OUTSOURCING VIRTUE

I spend a lot of time around my parish, I volunteer, I try to go to Holy hour weekly and to be involved with different groups and just generally be an active and engaged Catholic. This has been a great source of consolation for me in many ways. To be part of a vibrant and growing parish with a devout and holy pastor is a privilege I know many Catholics are deprived of today.

However, as with anything, the more you are with something the more you start to see some of the issues with it. One that I have run into more and more is what I have come to call "outsourcing virtue." This behavior can manifest in a variety of ways. One of the most common expressions being the "Father needs to do something about this!" This always baffles me, we are a large, relatively affluent parish family with three priests for two full parishes, two schools and a chapel. These priests offer daily Mass, daily confession, minister to the sick, visit the schools in the region, do marriage prep, baptisms, and a wide variety of other ministerial functions. It is obvious that their work ethic is one of the most substantial reasons for our parish family's continued growth. So when I hear parishioners who can't manage to bring themselves to attend anything besides Sunday Mass (if even that) complain that the priests need to do more it strikes me as way of outsourcing their own responsibility. When we see something wrong, or a need that is not filled, we should be going to our pastors to help them solve the problem, not demanding they add more and more to their overflowing plate so we won't have our weeknight shows interrupted.

This is much the same as when I hear people complain that the Catholic schools have failed to form the children. This is utter madness: Catholic schools are intended to help educate children in a Catholic environment, but they can never replace the primary formators of the child, the parents. Even if you send a child to a deeply Catholic institution for their education but you fail to form them in the faith at home you are wasting your money and your time. We can't outsource the virtues we are meant to be practicing, your parish priest can't be the one witnessing to Christ in our workplaces, a schoolteacher can't be the one to say prayers with our children before bed. We must be the ones to do it, we have to embrace the responsibilities we have to our families and communities to build Christ's Kingdom on earth.

I would ask you to consider for a moment what virtue you are trying to outsource, do you ever have those moments when you see an issue or feel called to take action and talk yourself out of it by saying something like "that's not my job" or "someone else should be handling that?" Consider carefully if you are passing by opportunities for grace that would help you "set the world on fire for Christ".

Colin Kunath, Class of 2006

GALA 2023

As we get ready to kick off the new school year we would like to say thank you to all those supporters who joined us for our annual gala in April. We have been blessed with deeply faithful and religious supporters who are also a lot of fun to get together with. We hope to see you next April for our 2024 gala. Thank you all for your support!

1. Alumnus Joe Finke and his son bring all important donations for the alumni supported bar.

2. Campion parents Nate and Jessica Cinefro catching up with fellow supporters before dinner

3. Alumnus Fr. Conor Kunath joins us every year to enjoy good company and share his own experience at Campion.

4. Former Campion Teacher Brad Manderfield and current teacher Colleen Kunath catching up over a drink.

5. Fomer Campion teacher Fr. Alex McCullough and current teacher Dan Egan catching up.

6. Campion students Nora and Lilly catch up with alumni parent Julie Scott while volunteering at the Gala.

7. The local Caravan of the Order of the Alhambra came out in force to support the school at this years Gala.

8. Our students help as volunteers each year for the Gala. Josh sold grand raffle tickets and kept an eye on the silent auction for us this year.

9. Dr. Kunath is always ready to share an anectode or dive into the details of Campion's educational philosophy.