



Don't be a "couch potato Christian," said Bishop James Johnston to all of us at our special 9 am all-school Mass this morning. While also focusing on the Feast of St. Jerome, the Patron Saint of Scripture scholars, librarians, and students, Bishop Johnston challenged us to perform small acts of faith and to respond to Jesus's call to be disciples. He used analogies, such as playing tennis or ping pong or saying "Good morning" without someone responding back as a way of helping us all understand how important it is for us to respond! Attending Mass not only during the school week, but also on the weekends, truly responding "Amen" when receiving the Body of Christ during the Eucharist and recognizing that Jesus gave his life for us—those are ways we respond as active Catholics and Christians. Being a "couch potato" Christian is not an active

response. *We have an awesome and wonderful opportunity to brighten up the world around us by reflecting the Light of Christ and showing God to others!*

We enjoyed introducing Bishop Johnston to our amazing school, students, faculty, and staff. We were so very proud of our courteous, respectful, and thoughtful students and welcoming teachers and classes. Bishop Johnston engaged many classes in conversation and consistently asked everyone to pray for him, as he will for us. He prayed the "Our Father" with one class, answered interview questions by enterprising junior high newspaper staff, and learned about fifth graders' recent religion homework and lessons, which especially prepared them for his visit, as well as was invited to Hokey Pokey with preschoolers and join in on a Brain Break with students. As he makes many visits across the Diocese, he hopes to return to St. Peter's to celebrate Mass with us once again. We look forward to it!

UPON THIS ROCK CAMPAIGN QUESTION OF THE WEEK—How was my pledge amount determined?



A: We base our suggested gift amounts on past giving histories of our parishioners as well as the results of the planning study conducted this summer. In some cases this number may be higher than you expected. St. Peter's needs are real and can be achieved with the sacrificial support of our parishioners. That is why we are asking you to consider a gift above your normal level of support. As you prayerfully consider the amount know that every gift is a blessing and the parish is deeply appreciative of each and every gift that we receive.

Our next **PTA Dining Out** event is next **Thursday, October 6, from 3:30-9 pm at the Planet Sub in Waldo.** The Class with the most participation at this event wins a cookie party! We will send flyers out next week!



"We walk by faith, not by sight." ~2 Corinthians 5:7