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Message from the President

This past week, I became quite amused reading in the Indianapolis Star a letter from a person pushing the idea that we no longer need speed restrictions in school zones. My first thought was what this person's hurry is. Later in the week I was reading through some Advent reflections and came across the theme of patience and then realized most of us are no different than the school zone speeder. We are always in a hurry to move past where we are now and more concerned as to what is going to happen next than understanding the meaning of what is happening now. In communications we are constantly connected via our cell phones, the internet and social networking but we often feel disconnected as to what is happening in our world, our city, our school and our homes. We complain about being bored and yet we have instantaneous entertainment at our finger tips. For all this rushing around, how much farther have we gone?

Advent is the time we have set aside to prepare for the coming of Jesus and by its' very nature is a time of waiting. Advent stresses patience, hope and reflection to gain the knowledge and wisdom to clearly understand that which is important and move forward on the things in life that have true value. At Cardinal Ritter, being blessed with a talented staff and energetic students, it is imperative that we give ourselves, on a regular basis, the opportunity to reflect, consider, discuss and patiently implement our academic approach so that the unique and sacred gifts of each individual are properly fostered and shared for the benefit of the student and our communities.

During this Advent season, it is our hope that we all slow down and take the opportunity to realize what is sacred in our lives and recognize God's love in those gifts granted to us. Although it is not always feasible to avoid the frantic pace surrounding our lives, may we learn to practice these important tenets of Advent and in our patience more rapidly fulfill within our lives what truly matters.

From all of the staff at Cardinal Ritter High School, may you and your families have a most blessed and joyous Christmas.

Gregory Perkins  
President