



An Apology

As a follow-up to the December/January newsletter article "Enough is Enough," I had planned a two page detailed explanation of why I had chosen to shake things up with a rude, crude and socially unacceptable hyperbolic article. However, feedback from a few draft readers reminds me that we now live in a "sound bite" world. Different readers tend to find fault with different things—there is no way to explain at length without being told that it should not be stated thus and so.

Following the KISS, "keep it simple—stupid," principle let me sincerely apologize to any and all who were offended by my words. They were my words, Stephen Partisano. I take full responsibility for them, and do not choose to minimize the significance of your reaction by explaining my stupidity. I am sorry for causing you pain.



A Request

With Sr. Catharine's departure, we will shortly be seeking a replacement for her. As we design the job description it would help us to know if there are needs that need to be met. Since the office staff is so small, filling the position of Director will have a significant impact on our ability to serve you.

As always, we request and welcome any comments you care to make.

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Catholic Schools Week

REJOICE, REJOICE it is our week to hold our candle high. Be proud for the work that you do is of high and noble character. How better to serve our God and world than to work with the little ones that are so dear to His heart!



For months we have been examining various aspects of being a healthy administrator. We started with R&R, rest and relaxation in the August/September edition. In October we moved on to the 3rd R, retreat—purposeful reflection.

November brought the 4th R, rigorous work. While December/January topped things off with a 5th R, religion—relating to God.

Now we come to the big jump, R number 6, relationships. We must move beyond the personal, out of self to our social other. Continuing our theme of holistic health, it is time to make sure that your social nature is functioning well. Are you maintaining your ties beyond self—family, friends, peers? Do you have a non-school life?

There are unending, all absorbing, all consuming subtleties to school. Before you know it your world can tunnel down to a myopic view where everything is seen from a school perspective. Do not allow that to happen. Reach out to others. Use or create support networks both within academia to assist with that life and with non-school interests to insure perspective and a relief valve.

The big warning sign that you are getting in too deep is a loss of your sense of humor. Life is too short. We really have little power to control much of it. So, it's best for us not to take ourselves too seriously. If you feel the weight of the world on your shoulders remember "snow days". On a snow day, God is saying "See I told you it's not you, it's Me. I run things you're just a visitor so take it easy." Call a friend. Go to a movie. Ask for advise. Enjoy the presence of others.