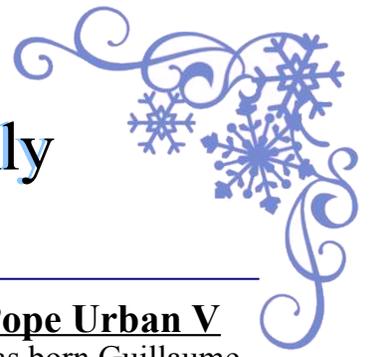
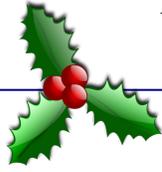




Mater Dei Academy Weekly

Wednesday, December 19th, 2018



Upcoming Events and Reminders:

Christmas Vacation begins today with dismissal at NOON. School will resume *Tuesday, January 2, 2019*. We wish all of our families a most blessed Christmas and joyous New Year!

There will be no Holy Mass on First Friday, January 4th, because January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. The next Mass will be Tuesday, January 8th.

For school closings, please tune in to 10TV or 10tv.com. Mater Dei will be listed specifically. You will also receive an email no later than 6:00 AM if we close for the day.



Saint of the Day: Blessed Pope Urban V



Pope Urban V was born Guillaume (William) in France, in 1310. At age 17, he became a Benedictine monk, and was ordained a priest in 1334. He studied theology and canon law, going on to teach at Montpellier, Paris and Avignon. Later, Guillaume was a Vicar General twice, ruling in place of the bishop; the abbot of two Benedictine monasteries; and a diplomat for the Holy See.

Pope Innocent VI died in 1362 while Guillaume was Apostolic Nuncio in Italy. During the conclave to elect Innocent's successor, Guillaume was chosen for his virtue and learning, and for his skill in affairs of government and diplomacy. The choice of one who was not a cardinal was due to jealousies within the College of Cardinals, which made the election of any of its members almost impossible. Guillaume was not even a bishop at the time of his election; so he was not crowned pope until after the conclusion of the consecration Mass as bishop. Even after his election, Urban continued to follow the Benedictine Rule, living simply and modestly and wearing his monastic habit. He pressed for reform and oversaw the restoration and construction of churches and monasteries. He was also a great patron of education. He came close to achieving one of his goals, the reunion of the Eastern and Western Churches.

Urban V was the sixth of the seven Avignon Popes. The Avignon Papacy was the period from 1309 to 1376 during which the pope resided in Avignon, then part of the Holy Roman Empire, rather than in Rome, because of the conflict between the papacy and the French king. In 1368, Urban did return to Rome, but found that civil strife made the city unlivable. In spite of the remonstrances of the envoys of Rome and the prophecy of St. Bridget, he returned to Avignon in 1370, where he died three months later.

Have a safe and blessed weekend.

Lord God, with Your Divine Providence You watch over Your Church and guide her throughout the ages; by the intercession of Blessed Pope Urban, grant her humble obedience to Your Will and a strong love for Your Truth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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