



St. Catherine School



Dear Pastors, Youth Ministers and Directors of Religious Education,

It is with great joy and excitement that we invite you to join us in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of St. Catherine Elementary School in Valley City. For some time now, a committee has been planning a variety of activities to highlight St. Catherine School and to celebrate a century of Catholic education here in Valley City.

We would like to extend an invitation to the parishes of the Diocese of Bismarck to join us on Sunday, September 11, 2016, at 4 pm in our celebration as we host Tony Melendez in concert. Tony is a humble Catholic musician who first came to the world stage in 1987 when he played for St. John Paul II in Los Angeles. Tony amazed St. John Paul II with his talent of playing guitar with his feet and singing the song "Never Be the Same". St. John Paul II encouraged Tony that day to become a witness to hope. Tony and his brother Jose have since travelled the world sharing this hope amongst youth and adults of all ages.

This would be a great opportunity to plan a youth event for both middle and high school students. Tony has inspired youth across the nation and world at youth rallies, National Catholic Youth Conferences and World Youth Day.

Thanks to the generous corporate sponsorship by Dacotah Bank in Valley City, tickets to this event are \$5 each for Kindergarten and up. Preschoolers are free but must have a ticket. Included with this letter is an order form for tickets. Tickets will be available after June 15th. We hope that you will consider planning a youth event to come see Tony in the fall.

Tony will also be coming to St. Catherine Parish in March 19-23, 2017 for our parish mission. Watch for more details to come in the future.

If you are interested in receiving a poster to advertise this event in your parish, please e-mail stkates100@gmail.com with your address requesting concert promotion material. The bulletin announcement included below can be a part of your bulletin at any time between June 15th and September 4th. If you would like someone to come to your parish to sell tickets after Mass some weekend contact us at the e-mail above and we will try to arrange a time to come to your parish.

We hope you will consider joining us for this event. If you have other questions please contact Barb at stkates100@gmail.com or (605) 692-2946.

St. Catherine of Alexandria...pray for us.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

St. Catherine School 100th Anniversary Committee

Attachments:

Tony Melendez Concert order form

Bulletin announcement

Poster