**FINAL READER’S MEETING JUST PRIOR TO START** (Ronda leads)

**TEAMS CHECK IN AND GET ROOM ASSIGNMENTS**

**SOCIAL HALL INTRODUCTION** (given by Kelly)

* Welcome to St. Thomas More Parish’s 2023 Catholic Quiz Bowl.
* The quiz bowl questions and answers come mostly from two sources.
  + One source is the Catechism of the Catholic which summarizes Catholic faith and morals and is an excellent source that explains what Catholics believe and why.
  + The other source is Sacred Scripture (the Holy Bible), which tells an epic and true story…
    - a story about God.
    - a story about mankind.
    - a story about how much God has always and will forever love us.
    - a story about how man went from Godly riches to rags and back to riches again because of a hero, God the Son, Jesus Christ.

Please pray with me… (+) “Almighty God, as we participate in this quiz bowl this afternoon, may each of us be reminded of the importance of studying our faith so as to draw closer to You and to draw others to you. May we be more inspired to read Your holy word, the Bible, the epic and true story about Who You are, who we are, and what You have done for us. May we never forget that this true story is the greatest story ever told, and that it is our story too. Amen.”

**LOGISTICS/RULES/REMINDERS:**

* Though we allow team sizes up to 5, only 4 team members in any give round are allowed.
* Changes in team members can only happen between rounds.
* Each team must have a team captain and that captain is the same captain for all rounds.
* Team captains are to provide the team’s answer to any given question although moderators will allow a captain to defer to another team member if the captain first asks the moderator.
* The first team asked a question has 20 seconds, no more, to answer.
* “Warning” will be called at 15 seconds and “Time” will be called at 20 seconds.
* The first team must answer as soon as “Time” is called or before.
* If the correct answer is not given, the other team will have only 10 seconds to provide the correct answer. “Warning will be called after 5 seconds, and “Time” at 10 seconds.   
  Again… the answer must be given immediately when time is called or before.
* There will be four rounds with 24 questions per round.
* A point will be awarded for each question correct. Winning a round awards 5 bonus points.
* Only the team captain may protest a moderator’s decision but the protest must come immediately following the question. Protests are settled at the end of the round and are brought to the social hall for a ruling. Audience members cannot initiate protests.
* Any audience member in the rooms must be quiet throughout the entire round.
* Captains—be sure to sign the score sheets at the end of the round and after any protests have been resolved. Once you sign, the score for that round is final.
* Only after each room is done with the round, will we start the next round.
* The top three scoring teams will be awarded medals.
* If after 4 rounds, there are any ties between the three teams, they will be resolved with tie breaking rounds.
* Medals will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishing teams.
* Please remember that everyone involved in this quiz bowl is a volunteer. Please treat them with respect.

Finally to each team member… You are not going to know the answers to all of these questions. That’s OK. This is a learning opportunity. Plus, it wouldn’t be a challenge if you knew all the answers. Just have fun.