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***400 Years
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***Jubilee Year of the
Piarist Fathers***

The Piarist Fathers are now celebrating worldwide our 400th anniversary. The logo, which has been designed for this occasion, emphasizes the three-fold commitment of a Piarist: *to educate, to proclaim and to transform*. Father Fernando Negro, who is our Provincial Superior, recently celebrated a Mass with the students, faculty and staff of Cardinal Gibbons High School in Fort Lauderdale, FL. During his homily, he reiterated our three-fold responsibility.

Recently, while reading *Rediscover Jesus* by Matthew Kelly, I realized that a Piarist cannot honestly help to transform our students and parishioners unless he is also willing to seek his own transformation. There is real truth to the often used quotation, "Practice what you preach."

I would like to share a prayer, which Matthew Kelly includes in his book. A heart felt recitation of this prayer on a daily basis may really help a person to experience a true transformation.

"Loving Father, here I am. I trust that you have an incredible plan for me. Transform me. Transform my life. Everything is on the table. Take what you want to take and give what you want to give. Transform me into the person you created me to be, so I can live the life you envision for me. I hold nothing back; I am 100% available. How can I help? Amen."

In Cardinal Gibbons High School, we begin each school day with a prayer. Throughout the day, we begin each class with a prayer. I now plan to begin each class by asking my students to recite together this humble request for a true transformation in each of our personal lives.