August 16, 2020
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The phrase below is from the book of Isaiah (56:7).
Fill in the missing words by using the grid.

My ____
(2-b)
shall ____
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(1-a)
of
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all ____
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Isaiah 56:7
A Canaanite woman pleaded with Jesus to heal her daughter.

Matthew 15:21-28
SAINT JEROME

You might be preparing to begin a new school year, or perhaps you already have begun. It can be exciting to think about the coming year even though you don’t know exactly what to expect. So you rely on people who have your best interests at heart and who can help you when you need it.

In our Catholic tradition some saints, called patron saints, are considered special guardians or protectors over certain areas of life. St. Jerome is one of the patron saints of students. As a young person Jerome developed a passion for collecting books, which were very expensive and rare in his day. He also began a scripture study group for women who belonged to the upper classes—the first such group that we know about. He translated the Bible from Hebrew and Greek into Latin, the language of the common people. His translation is called the Vulgate, from the Latin vulgus, meaning “the general public” or “the common people.” This version was used for many centuries.

When Rome was attacked in 410 A.D., many people fled the city and became refugees. Jerome, who had spent a lifetime translating scripture, decided he should translate those words into deeds. Instead of only speaking words, he acted on them, helping many people who were in need. Jerome died on September 30 in Bethlehem and was buried under the Church of the Nativity. We honor St. Jerome on September 30.

Jerome’s life sets an example for students. You can model your school year on Jerome by appreciating and learning from books of all sorts, studying the Bible, and helping those in need. These are excellent goals for every student.

Goals for This School Year

1. Keep a journal (each day if possible) of the most interesting facts and ideas you learn this year.

2. With an adult, read passages from the Bible and memorize some of them.

3. Choose a way to contribute to people in need.
A woman came to Jesus and asked him to make her daughter well. You can read this story in Matthew 15:21–28. Choose from the three letters shown to complete important words from this story.

A D O

WOM_ N
AU_CHTER
DEM_ N
F_ TH
HEALE_ 
D_ GS