

Dear Knight Nation,

It has been the best honor of my life to be the Head Football Coach at Montgomery Catholic for the last six years. You embraced me and my family with open arms and gave us the best support we could ever have asked for. We set out on a task that many deemed impossible and we found many successes on and off the field. Montgomery Catholic will always hold a special place in my heart and the people here are what make this place such a blessing. Brandi, Will, Kayla, and I have so many dear friends that made this time so rewarding and we are so grateful for each of you.

I want to thank every young man that God blessed me with being able to coach. You were champions on and off the field. You represented me and the Catholic Community with character, respect, pride and commitment. You guys made my time here fun and life giving. You all have bright futures ahead of you if you will continue to set the standard around you wherever you go. Always find your work ethic can always be an attribute that is non negotiable. Whoever the next head coach will be is inheriting an outstanding group of young men. You are all F.A.M.I.L.Y.

To all of my previous Knights, thank you for believing in me and your coaches. You constantly fought and worked hard to change the perception of our program and you did. Your intensity and willingness to never quit while constantly raising the bar helped make our Culture one of the best in our State. You loved each other, cared about those who carried your legacy, and you showed the Montgomery community what unity looks like. You are all F.A.M.I.L.Y. no matter where God takes us.

It was always my top priority to surround myself with men of great character who would help me lead our young men. I want to thank my coaching staff who always put our players first. Some of these men had other full time jobs and families, yet they always found a way to make a difference in their players' lives. Our success was a direct reflection of the type of people they are. Thank you Coaches.

I want to thank Daniel Veres, Anne Ceasar, and Chad Barwick for hiring me and giving a young inexperienced coach a chance to do what he loved. To Justin Castanza, you've always been more than just my boss. You've been a friend, workout partner, and a leader. Your vision for Montgomery Catholic's future will continue to bring greatness to all things in the Knight Nation. Daniel Veres, you're the most underrated athletic director in our state and you deserve so much more recognition than what you're given. You continue every year to grow and build but your passion for the student athletes here is unmatched. Coach J, thank you for your tireless work in helping me grow young men and build this program. You're more than just my Assistant Head Coach, you're my Brother.

Lastly, I want to thank the entire Catholic community that made my time here so incredibly rewarding. You all are the main reason why WE ARE CATHOLIC. Your faith is what got us all to this point, so please continue to seek God and his guidance in all that you do and he will continue to bless this great school. Thank you for the Friday nights, the drawdown tickets, the Quarterback Club memberships, the hugs, the smiles, the cowbells, and your love. We love you and will miss you all dearly. With all that I have in me, THANK YOU. As always, Be Great and Go Knights!

Sincerely,

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