

A Christmas Message from the Director

Christmas Prayer

If we have given over Christmas to children, as though adults are past the wonder and mystery of surprises, if we have lost our hope in Your sounds of joy abroad in the world, reinforcing our lack of faith with cynicism and apathy.

Jesus, carry us again to the place of Your birth that we may see your face and believe.

Dear Colleague:

I send my warmest greetings to you and your family as we approach this wonderful season of Christmas. As another busy, successful year draws to a close, our Catholic schools continue to be full of energy and excitement. Across our entire Catholic school board there is much to celebrate. We continue to strengthen academic achievement as well as create moments of grace and giving through our relationships with one another and our care and concern for those in the wider community.

My hope and prayer for you at this time of Advent is that you will get some rest, that it will be time apart from the busyness, and that you will be gentle with yourself over the Christmas holidays. Take great pride in what you do in Catholic education. Know that your work is indeed, God's work. Know that it is greatly appreciated. But, most importantly, take time to see the face of Jesus in those that you love. Especially see the face of Jesus when you look into the mirror. He lives inside of you, too.

To everyone, my best wishes for a joyous celebration of the wonderful hope represented by the birth of Jesus.

Sincerely,



The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with the flocks.

Then the work of Christmas begins, to find the lost,
to heal those broken in spirit, to feed the hungry,
to release the oppressed, to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all peoples, to make a little music with the heart ...

And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day,
in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say.

Then the work of Christmas begins ...

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