



Happy Easter from the Director

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

JOHN 11:25-26

Happy Easter to all members of our Catholic Education community. Special thanks to everyone for making our Lenten journey so memorable and rich with reflection, activities, prayer and projects in preparation for Easter – the heart of our Christian faith. As "Easter People" we are challenged to be open to God's spirit and to continue to respond to the needs of others, to be Christ's presence in the world today. Our commitment to the BUILD partnership with Habitat for Humanity "Joining Hands and Hammers in God's Name" is a wonderful example of service to others.

The character of Jesus Christ who proclaims the good news that God wills for us the fullness of life is the heart and soul of Catholic education.

I extend my sincere thanks and encouragement for your efforts in implementing our Character Education - Catholic Virtues into Action project over the past seven months. The virtues of Respect, Empathy, Justice, Patience, Responsibility, Compassion and Forgiveness have been introduced, explored and practiced in our classrooms and campuses.

These virtues exemplify the qualities of moral goodness and excellence. They distinguish us as Easter people each and every day.

On behalf of the Catholic Virtues into Action Committee, it is my pleasure to introduce the song "Surrounded By Light" (music and lyrics by Paul Crough) to all members of our education community. This song was commissioned as a resource for our Virtues Project.

The lyrics remind us of the great tradition of Catholic education, of our journey as a faith community inspired by the spirit, of the gift and treasure we hold, of our ability to create miracles and fulfill dreams each and every day in our classrooms and workplaces, of our faith and love and service as we work "side by side ... surrounded by light".

Please visit the board website to hear the song performed by Paul Crough and Kathleen Brioux and for a copy of the lyrics.

Again, I wish you a Blessed Easter with family and friends.

Sincerely,

John Mackle
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

God takes on flesh so that every home becomes church, every child becomes the Christ-child, and all food and drink becomes a sacrament. God's many faces are now everywhere, in flesh, tempered and turned down, so that human eyes can see God. God, many faced face, has become accessible and visible as the nearest water tap. That is the why of the incarnation.

R. ROHLHEISER

"The Catholic school tries to create within its walls, a climate in which the pupil's faith will gradually mature ... It will give you pride of place in the education it provides through Christian Doctrine to the gradual formation of conscience in fundamental, permanent virtues ... the life-giving spirit which transforms a person of virtue into a person of Christ."

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