

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

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“We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another.”

(Romans 12:5)

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# March Prayer Service

# When we learn

*“Let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill.”*

*Proverbs 1:5*

*«Que le sage écoute, il progressera encore, et l’homme intelligent apprendra à diriger.»*

*Proverbes 1, 5*

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“Open the Eyes of My Heart”  
Paul Baloché

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idQ1n3cdgfo>

“Eye Has Not Seen”  
Marty Haugen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRyOS0nZr7s>

“All Are Welcome”  
Marty Haugen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9b0iAxwi4U>

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“A Listening Heart”  
Bob Hurd

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uT36Zn73tWc>

“Peace Prayer”  
John Foley, SJ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRyOS0nZr7s>

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## Opening Prayer

God of peace and justice,  
Open our hearts and minds to the beauty and wisdom of those around us.  
Help us to create spaces of warmth, welcome and acceptance where each and every person is valued and heard.  
Guide us to see and celebrate our differences as opportunities for growth and learning.  
Teach us to appreciate the many gifts and insights we can offer to each other as members of one faith community.  
Sustain us as we work to build your kingdom here on Earth.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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# Scripture Reading

A reading from the Book of Proverbs (Proverbs 2: 2-10)

My child, if you accept my words  
and treasure up my commandments within you,  
making your ear attentive to wisdom  
and inclining your heart to understanding,  
if you indeed cry out for insight  
and raise your voice for understanding,  
if you seek it like silver  
and search for it as for hidden treasures—  
then you will understand the fear of the Lord  
and find the knowledge of God.



# Scripture Reading

For the Lord gives wisdom;  
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;  
he stores up sound wisdom for the upright;  
he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly,  
guarding the paths of justice  
and preserving the way of his faithful ones.  
Then you will understand righteousness and justice  
and equity, every good path,  
for wisdom will come into your heart,  
and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.

The word of the Lord.  
R. Thanks be to God.



# Questions for Personal Reflection



1. How can we provide opportunities for every student to see themselves represented always and everywhere in our Catholic community?
2. How can we inspire hope and cultivate caring and trusting relationships where diversity, joy and excellence are celebrated in our Catholic community?
3. As a member of this Catholic community, how well do I listen to others? Am I present and open to others' gifts of wisdom and experience so that I may learn from those around me?

(Questions 1 and 2 adopted from Nalli, 2022)





# Contemporary Reading

1. Excerpt from Pope Francis's Message for World Communications Day 2014:  
"Communication at the Service of an Authentic Culture of Encounter"

[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco\\_20140124\\_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html#:~:text=Good%20communication%20helps%20us%20to,and%20learn%20from%20one%20another.](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco_20140124_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html#:~:text=Good%20communication%20helps%20us%20to,and%20learn%20from%20one%20another.)

*"Good communication helps us to grow closer, to know one another better, and ultimately, to grow in unity. The walls which divide us can be broken down only if we are prepared to listen and learn from one another."*

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# Contemporary Reading

## 2. Excerpt from Pope Francis's Message for World Communications Day 2022: "Listening with the ear of the heart"

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/20220124-messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html>

*"Listening always requires the virtue of patience, together with the ability to allow oneself to be surprised by the truth, even if only a fragment of truth, in the person we are listening to. Only amazement enables knowledge. I think of the infinite curiosity of the child who looks at the world around them with wide-open eyes. Listening with this frame of mind – the wonder of the child in the awareness of an adult – is always enriching because there will always be something, however small, that I can learn from the other person and allow to bear fruit in my own life."*

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# Questions for Reflection

How can we ensure that we listen to the voices of our students, parents, and members of the community so that their lived experiences and voices are raised in our Catholic school community?

How can we provide opportunities for our students to showcase their individual assets, strengths, and passions in our Catholic school community?

(Adopted from Nalli, 2022)





# Closing Prayer

## Prayer for Synod on Synodality 2021-23

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.  
Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.  
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.  
Amen. +

<https://www.synod.va/en/what-is-the-synod-21-23/the-adsumus-prayer.html>





“A Place in the Choir”  
Bill Staines

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iP27eatYxE>

“We Are One in the Spirit”  
Peter Scholtes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HV-f92IbN2U>

“City of God”  
Dan Schutte

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cnya9uh0oZo>

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## “We Are Many Parts”

Marty Haugen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vq0011yb6jw>

## “Companions on the Journey”

Carey Landry

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h86xLnaXUZU>

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