

VI PERFECT PRAYER

Chaplain: Let us gather our prayers - those spoken and those remaining in the quiet of our hearts, and unite them with the prayer of Jesus, using the words He gave us, let us hold hands and say: Our Father...(Consentino, 2009)

VII CONCLUDING RITE

Chaplain: I invite everyone to join in our closing prayer.

You must bring him everything!

Your dreams, your successes, your rejoicing.

And if you have little to rejoice over, bring him that little.

And if your life seems only like a heap of fragments.

And if you have only empty hands, bring him your empty hands.

Shattered hopes are his material;

In his hands all is made good.

-M. Eckhart



VIII CLOSING INVOCATION

Chaplain: Thank you dear Lord our God for providing us with the gift to teach and spread your good word to our students, colleagues, and our community. May your will which you have embedded in us continue to grow and be spread by the power of your Holy Spirit, through the teachings and sacrifice of your Son and by your grace. May we go forward to grow in loving relationship with God, our students, colleagues, friends and family members.

Response (All): Amen.

IX

Chaplain: Please join in the singing of closing song - "On Eagles Wings"

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A Prayer Service For The
Celebration of The Closing of The
School Year





Chaplain: Please join in the singing of opening song - "Blest be the Lord"



Chaplain Welcome and Introduction:

Good afternoon afternoon and welcome to our end of year staff celebration of our collective dedicated efforts to develop a safe, caring, Catholic culture for our school community. As the end of the school year approaches, it is nice to reflect on how we have positively impacted our students, staff, and our community. The end of the year also offers an opportune time to reflect and personally assess our growth on the goals we set out for ourselves at the commencement of the school year. It also offers a time to look at areas of personal need so we may be able to continue to develop professionally to collectively contribute to the building and maturation of our institution which serves students, parents, staff, and the community. I now invite you to sign ourselves by making the sign of the cross through which all things have been made new: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."



Invocation: Lord God, as we ponder the blessings and challenges of this past year, grant us the serenity of your Spirit and openness of heart to the wonders you have done in us and will continue to do in faithfulness to us, your children. We make this prayer to you through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Consentino, 2009)



SCRIPTURE READING: NRSV: ROMANS 12:6-8

Staff A: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

So, we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us.

If our gift is to speak God's message, we should do it according to the faith that we have;

If it is to serve, we should serve;

If it is to teach, we should teach;

If it is to encourage others, we should do so. Whoever shares with others should do it generously;

Whoever has authority should work hard;

Whoever shows kindness to others should do it cheerfully.

The word of the Lord.

Response (All): Thanks be to God.



TCDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan



TCDSB 21 C Plan for student-teacher learning



PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL:

Staff B + 4 staff to light candle for each intention

May our gift to teach continue to be according to our Catholic faith so we may continue to build a community which serves, reveres and glorifies God.

We pray to the Lord.

Response (All): Lord hear our prayer.

Thank you God for giving us the strength to guide the students of our school to be the future light of your holy Word, May they be moved to rejoice and spread your message through their interactions with others as your disciples in Christ.

We pray to the Lord.

Response (All): Lord hear our prayer.

In the year of the family, we pray for the gift of each other. At times we repel each other, and at times we are attracted to each other. But at the end of the day we all need a witness whom can attest to our strengths and weakness to assist in becoming more in the image of God.

We pray to the Lord.

Response (All): Lord hear our prayer.

Lastly, God, we thank you for colleagues who have left us, and those which have chosen a different path to take, and those you have been called to courageously confront other challenges of life. Continue to await their "asking, searching, and knocking" to help them in their journey to live in your image.

We pray to the Lord.

Response (All): Lord hear our prayer.

Chaplain: At this time please feel free to express additional intentions you may have or privately take a moment to talk to God.