

# CELEBRATE, ENCOUNTER, CREATE:

REFLECTIONS FROM THE CATHOLIC  
EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2021



# **CELEBRATING, ENCOUNTERING, CREATING OUR GOD EXPERIENCE.**

This is the theme of the 2021 Catholic Education Conference. It expresses our human longing for God, and, more so, of God encountering always. May our Conference inspire us again to continue by the graced work of Catholic Education to meet this yearning every student and teacher has.

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# Introduction

In the Gospels, we see Jesus inviting his disciples to pray. It is a call to spend time with God and to listen to God. This is a call we discerned when planning for the Conference—that it be a time and space to pray and reflect on God and God’s goodness in our Catholic schools. Through teaching and learning, praying and playing, and growing up and becoming wiser, God encounters everyone in school, regardless of race, language or religion, in myriad ways to shape our lives for better. Each encounter reminds us that we are in God’s holy presence.

In this booklet, 10 participants share their takeaways from the 2021 Catholic Education Conference. We hope you will enjoy these short reflections, but also find in them food for thought and prayer, as you consider your own journey in Catholic education.



**CHIJ KATONG CONVENT**



**ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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From the CEC2021, I took away the realisation that being in a Catholic mission school does not shield us from allowing secularism to hinder the full expression of our Catholic faith. We need to work and make a conscious effort to create a fertile environment for the faith to flourish. To this end, I am inspired to explore how we can work more closely with one another and involve the pupils more actively to review how we can look, feel and sound more Catholic in various ways.

**MDM TERESA LYE**

**Parent Volunteer, Holy Innocents' Primary School**



**PONDER** 

1. In what ways has secularism infected our Catholic school?
2. How can I create a “fertile environment” for the Catholic faith to flourish in our children?

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I am inspired to develop the Catholic ethos in my school as I realise how big an impact it can have on the teachers and students. After learning the different ways to do this—such as through film, art or music—I am determined play my part to bring about the same sense of togetherness and hope that the founding fathers, brothers and sisters had as they landed in Singapore and started the Catholic schools here.

**MS WENDY WONG**

**Teacher, Catholic Junior College**



**PONDER** 

1. In what small ways do teachers and students experience the impact of a school's Catholic ethos?
2. What role can I play to “develop the Catholic ethos” in my school?



**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**



**CHIJ OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY**

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My key takeaway from CEC2021 is that all the Catholic schools in Singapore have the same mission of instilling Catholic teachings and values in their students. I believe that as a school we can do a lot to provide students with opportunities to strengthen their faith. Our faith helps us to be better people, and it is important that we cherish it and share it with others, just as the Catholic missionaries once did when they came to Singapore from their home countries.

**JARROD KOH**  
Student, St Joseph's Institution



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Teaching in a non-Catholic school, I am inspired by the conference to set aside quiet reflection time for my pupils at the start or at the end of lessons, to think about the lesson or what they hope to achieve. As a teacher, I need to model the Christian values that I would like to impart to my pupils, such as selflessness, charity, humility, and forgiveness.

**MS DELINE LU**

**Teacher, Fern Green Primary School**

**PONDER** 

1. In what two ways can I introduce others in my school to Christ?
2. What virtues of my Catholic school's Patron Saint can I develop in my life?





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CEC2021 provided us with much-needed time and space to pause and pray. In the silence and stillness, this is how our Creator spoke to me during the breakout session on Art and Writing: ‘The radiance of the sun above the glistening waters, pouring light into the forest, bringing about health, happiness and healing as the pilgrim journeys on to embrace a brighter and more beautiful future ahead.’ God continues to write beautiful chapters in our lives, and we are reminded to involve Him in our school’s plans so that the educators in our Catholic schools will honour their mission to realise His vision.

**MS SHARON YU**

**Teacher, St Anthony’s Canossian Secondary School**

**PONDER** 

1. Do I need to set aside more time for personal prayer?
2. When was the last time God was the motivation for an initiative I suggested in my school?



**ASSUMPTION PATHWAY SCHOOL**



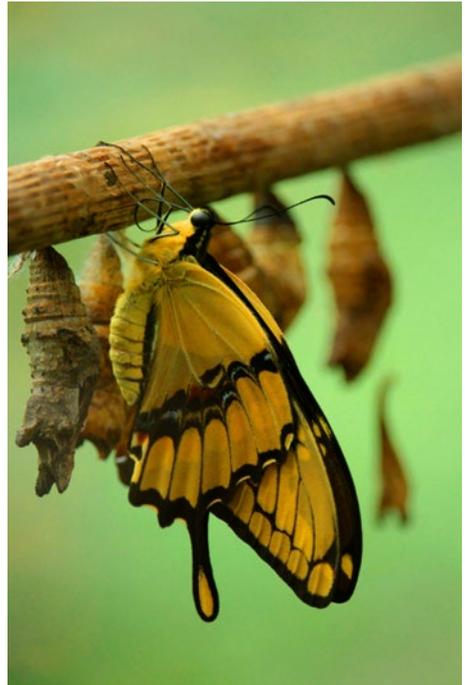
**ST GABRIEL'S SECONDARY SCHOOL**

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The conference gave me time to reflect and listen to God. The questions asked after we watched the short film *Butterfly Circus* led me to realise that sometimes God speaks to us through our problems and hardships, and we need these challenges to be able to, like the butterfly breaking out of its cocoon, fulfil our true potential.

**TAN YING EN**

**Student, Hai Sing Catholic School**



**PONDER** 

1. Have I taken the time to reflect on God's hand in my life, especially in the difficult and challenging moments?
2. What challenges does the modern school environment present as we nurture our relationship with the Lord?

## PONDER

1. How is being in a Catholic school different from being in any other school?
2. What do I need to change about the way I live, in order to be a better witness of God's love?

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CEC2021 helped me understand Jesus' story and values. It also helped me understand the role of Catholic schools. I truly feel blessed to be in a Catholic school because I have the opportunity to participate in faith activities. The small-group sharing made me realise that God is present in my friends and teachers, and that I need to respect everyone. I will try my best to spread Gospel values in the way I live, especially to my non-Catholic friends.

**DIMAFELIS CAHLIAN**

**Student, Marymount Convent School**



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The art workshop really enabled me to encounter Jesus. I found it a great encounter as I do not do this very often, and even when I did it was never as fruitful. It was an opportunity to reflect on my relationship with God, and I am very grateful for this. I was also inspired by Archbishop’s message of how we as individuals and as a Catholic community can contribute in improving our practices in school. I am especially inspired by Archbishop’s example to encourage my friends to attend Mass in school and to pray more often, not just before exams, but on a regular basis. I hope to inspire others to build their relationship with God, acknowledge the gifts that God has blessed them with, and to build friendships with one another so that we as a community can help one another strengthen our faith in God.

**RAQUEL YEO**

**Student, Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus Secondary**



**PONDER** 

1. How often do I spend quiet time, reading the Bible?
2. What can I do in my school community to grow closer to God?



**ST ANTHONY'S CANOSSIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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I encountered God through an amazing shared communal experience. Everyone gathered for a common purpose, and that was to celebrate God. I could relate to the sharing of my peers during the group session, and felt like God was providing me with an affirmation of his presence. Amid the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives, we don't often sit down as friends or colleagues just to centre our conversations on God, but this conference gave us opportunities to do so, and it was such a delightful experience to be able to encounter God through these meaningful conversations and discussions.

**MS CHRISTINE LEE**

**Teacher, Maris Stella High School**

**PONDER** 

1. Do my conversations with colleagues and friends centre about God?
2. How can I find ways in my day to pause, think about God, and give thanks to Him?



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From CEC2021, I learned about the importance of having Christ present in our lives, and since school is a big part of our daily lives it is important to have a Catholic ethos and environment in our school, to create God-experiences for everyone. I'm inspired to create more safe and quiet places round the school for us to talk to God. It could be a quiet corner of the canteen or beside the school pond. As long as we can pray and talk to God there, or inspire others to follow Jesus' path, a God-experience has been created.

**ALESSANDRA YSOBEL DE VERA VELASQUEZ**

**Student, Assumption English School**



**PONDER** 

1. What can I do in my life to be more in tune with God, and thus be better able to hear His voice?
2. Am I living in sin, and disrupting my relationship with God?

# **PRAYERS OF COMMITMENT**

**by our Catholic Schools**

## **ASSUMPTION ENGLISH SCHOOL**

Lord, You are the Way, the Truth and the Life.  
Thank you for being with us as we go through each school day.  
As we try to get to know You better,  
let each person in AES encounter You.

Please continue to make Yourself known to all who seek You.  
Help us to see You in those who need our help,  
as well as those who reach out to help us.  
In God's Holy Name we pray, Amen.

Our Lady of Assumption, pray for us.  
St Louis Marie De Montfort, pray for us.

## **ASSUMPTION PATHWAY SCHOOL**

Lord God, as we gather in Your precious name,  
we humbly ask you to send Your Holy Spirit to be with us.  
In all our brokenness, we seek for Your mercy and grace  
to bring about a change in our lives.  
You are the source of all goodness.

May we never lose You through our sinfulness  
but to love You with all our heart,  
with all our mind and with all our soul.  
Give us the grace to love our neighbour and to love ourselves.  
We ask all this in your most precious name. Amen.

Our Lady of Assumption, pray for us.  
St Louis Marie De Montfort, pray for us.

## CANOSSIAN SCHOOL

Almighty Father,  
We thank you for the BLESSINGS in our life,  
for the GIFTS of our founding Saints,  
St. Magdalene and St. Bakhita,  
our Canossian Sisters and our  
Canossian family.

Teach and guide us to be charitable, humble and forgiving  
as we nurture our young Canossians  
through the formation of the Heart,  
to be committed to God and serving others.

St. Magdalene of Canossa, pray for us.  
St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us.  
St. Anthony of Padua, pray for us.  
St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.  
Amen.



## **CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL (FULL SCHOOL)**

Heavenly Father,  
we thank you for this gathering of educators  
from our Catholic schools.  
We are grateful for the opportunities to work with them  
so that we may learn and enrich our practices  
as well as better our efforts  
in creating sacred spaces for our students.  
May we take time to create a spiritual atmosphere  
that bespeaks of His presence  
so that young people are encouraged to draw nearer to Him  
and that their encounters will be rich and meaningful.  
We pray this in His Most Holy Name, Amen!

## **CATHOLIC JUNIOR COLLEGE**

Father God,  
we your children,  
the students and staff of CJC  
offer to you our college community  
and all that we hold dear.

We offer you all that we are,  
and you know all that we need even without our speaking.  
We pray to you Father to send your Spirit  
to empower, direct and cover us with your love  
as we commit to the continued work of your Son,  
Jesus our Brother.

Provide as only you know how  
and in faith may we continue to grow our college community  
aligned to your Will and Purpose.  
May you keep us close to your Son.  
Amen.

## **CHIJ KATONG CONVENT**

Heavenly Father,  
we ask you for your grace  
as we renew our vocation as teachers in a Catholic school.

Grant us a shared purpose within the school community,  
to be united and cohesive in our care and formation of every girl  
to love God and serve others.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.  
Mary our Mother pray for us.  
Blessed Nicolas Barré pray for us.

## **CHIJ (KATONG) PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Dear Lord,  
we thank you for your blessings and guidance.  
Shower us with your grace and strength  
so we may continue to bring the Love of Jesus to all around us  
and to build a loving Catholic community in our school.  
May our children encounter God  
and experience Jesus personally.  
Amen.

## **CHIJ KELLOCK**

Dear Lord,  
give us the courage,  
strength and wisdom  
to do your will;  
and whatever happens,  
help us to be always at peace  
and trust in You.  
Amen.

## **CHIJ OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**

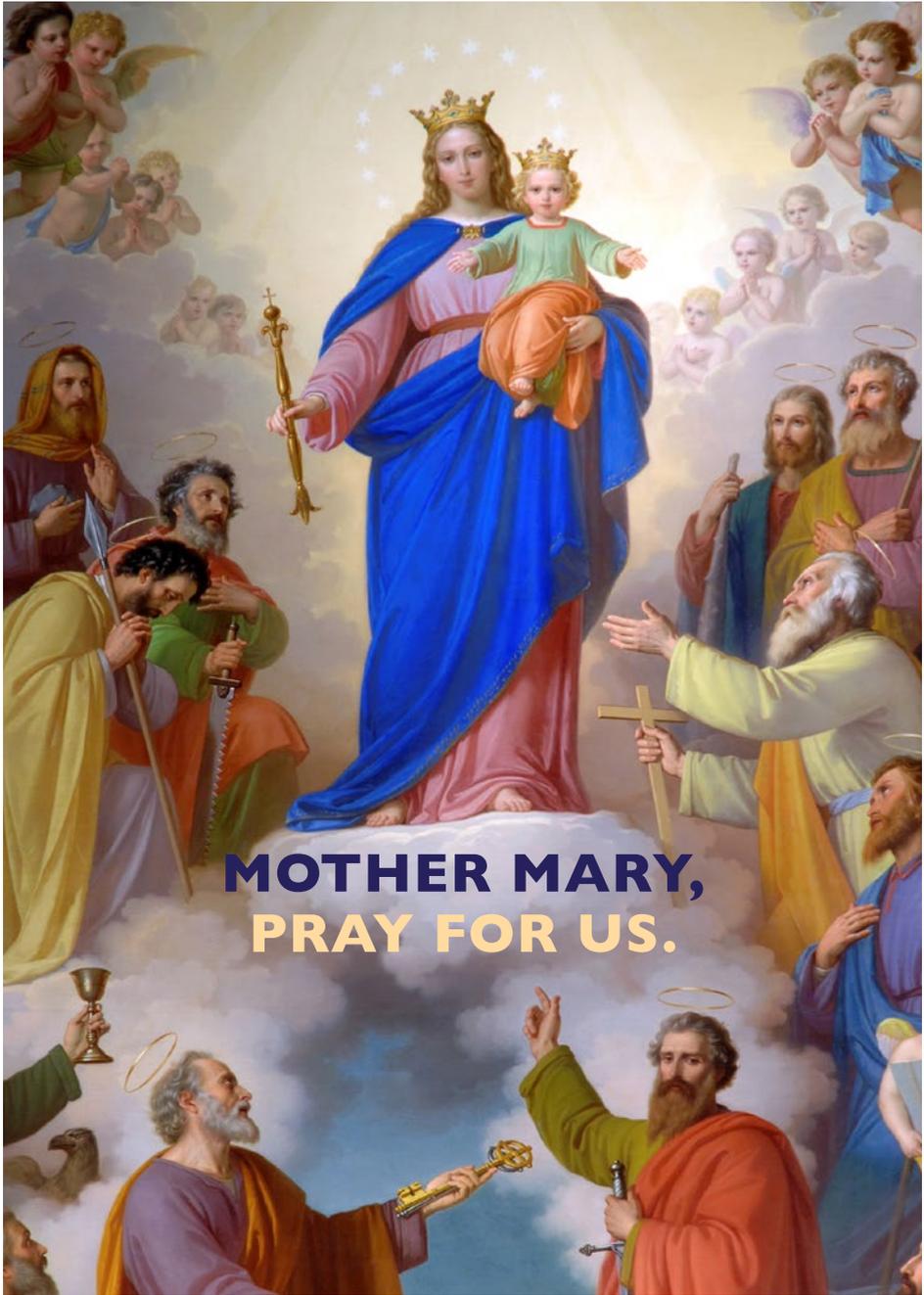
Dear Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for being our shepherd.  
Pour out your Holy spirit on all the teachers  
as we continue to nurture and guide our students.  
Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother,  
we entrust our plans into your loving hands.  
May we continue to build a Christ-centred community  
where relationship amongst all is deepened.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **CHIJ OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY**

Heavenly Father  
We thank you for your love and guidance.  
We thank you for placing us in CHIJ OLN to do your work.  
Grant us the wisdom to hear your voice and courage do your will.  
Touch our hearts and strengthen our faith.  
Fill us with love and humility  
as we carry out the tasks and responsibilities you have given us.  
Help us to always see you in the people we encounter each day.  
May our words and deeds be beacons of light,  
bringing others to know you.  
Through us, may our students learn to do your will  
and be a blessing to others.  
Amen.

## **CHIJ OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE**

Shepherd us Oh Lord  
at CHIJ Our Lady Queen Of Peace.  
Grant that Your wisdom stirs  
in our hearts, mind and souls.  
To be witness of Your Magnificence  
and Grace in our Lives.  
May we find delight in Your love  
and share it with others everyday.



**MOTHER MARY,  
PRAY FOR US.**

## **CHIJ PRIMARY**

Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for the gift of the IJ Community  
of love and service.  
Deepen our awareness of your presence.  
Preserve every member of this community  
as we continue to encounter your love  
for us, with us and through us.  
We live in hope, trusting that you are with us  
and providing for us.  
Walk with us always as we follow  
in the footsteps of Jesus Christ  
who will lead us to you.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **CHIJ SECONDARY**

Heavenly Father,  
in this jubilee year of the fourth centenary  
of our founder, Blessed Nicolas Barré,  
we ask for a special outpouring of your grace on our school,  
that all of us, staff and students  
drawn together by your providence,  
may remain faithful to the mission entrusted to us:  
to support and care for each other,  
to promote truth, justice, freedom and love,  
and to treat others with kindness and dignity,  
especially those who are disadvantaged in any way.  
May we use the opportunities you give us each day  
to grow closer to you,  
and ever remain Simple in Virtue, Steadfast in Duty.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **CHIJ ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT**

Heavenly Father,  
we thank you for all the blessings that you have bestowed upon us.  
Send your Holy Spirit to continue to guide and strengthen us  
so that we will be able to do Your will  
and encounter You in thought, word and deed.  
Blessed Nicholas Barré, pray for us.  
St. Joseph, pray for us.

## **CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (FULL SCHOOL)**

Heavenly Father,  
Thank you for always guiding and protecting us in our faith journey.  
Bless us we pray, grant us wisdom and strength  
to look to you in difficult times.  
Give us discernment to judge right from wrong  
as we go about our daily lives and in our encounters.  
May we be girls of grace and instruments of your love to others,  
May we be women of strength to uplift those in need, and  
May we be leaders with heart to serve with compassion.  
Blessed Nicolas Barré, intercede for us.  
We ask all these in your most Holy name, Amen.

## **CHIJ ST THERESA'S CONVENT**

Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for the gift of education  
and the opportunities that you have provided us.  
Help us to commit to building a more Christ-centered  
and inclusive community in our school.  
Please continue to guide us on our journey  
in seeking and championing truth in all that we do.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.  
Saint Therese, pray for us.  
Blessed Nicolas Barré, pray for us.  
Our Guardian Angels, guard over us.

## DE LA SALLE SCHOOL

Let us remember that we are in the Holy Presence of God.  
Dear Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for the gifts of Catholic Education.  
We pray that you continue to guide us on our journey  
towards Teaching Minds, Touching Hearts and Transforming Lives.  
Strengthen our mission in enabling our Lasallians  
to learn how to learn, to learn how to live  
and to empower them to be persons of integrity  
and persons for others to serve the last, the lost and the least.  
St John Baptist pray for us.  
Live Jesus in our hearts forever.  
Amen.

## HAI SING CATHOLIC SCHOOL

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty in our school.  
Fill us with peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters among staff and students,  
and upholding rights and dignity of each individual.

O God of the poor,  
help us to encounter you among the poor, needy and marginalised.  
Grant that our staff and students may show empathy to the poor,  
abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.  
Bring healing to our lives, that we, as a school,  
may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.  
And that by doing so we may touch the hearts  
of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach our students to discover the worth of each goods,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.  
We thank you for being with our school community each day.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

As our school is awaiting for a new building after PRIME,  
help us to discover you, O God,  
through the heart of St Francis of Assisi.  
Help to deepen our school's understanding of the Franciscan spirituality  
as we brainstorm new ideas to build a Catholic identity  
in our new building and the 'Heart of St. Francis Space'  
circumfencing our new chapel.

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's love  
and accompany creation as it groans in travail.  
You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good.  
Guide our students to live out the spirit of Truth and Charity  
and to live out a life of service  
to the community and world regardless of their faith.  
Help them to appreciate the universal values of charity and compassion.  
Praise be to you! Amen.

Blessed Mother Mary, pray for us.  
St Francis of Assisi, pray for us.  
Blessed Mary of the Passion, pray for us.

*Adapted from A Prayer For Our Earth, Laudato Si, Pope Francis*



## HOLY INNOCENTS' HIGH SCHOOL

Heavenly Father,  
we pray that we continue to grow  
as a Christ-centered community  
where everyone has the Courage to Lead  
and the Compassion to serve.  
May all our students learn to be  
compassionate and morally upright students,  
committed to serving God and society.  
May we recognise the need to learn and grow continuously.  
May we embrace honesty and simplicity.  
May we truly be like the Good Samaritan,  
and be committed to loving and caring for everyone around us,  
regardless of race, creed or religion.  
Amen.



## **HOLY INNOCENTS' PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Heavenly Father,  
we commit to creating a God-loving environment  
where staff and students encounter Christ intimately,  
by deepening our Christian spirituality  
in accordance to your holy will.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

亲爱的天父，  
我们请求您的圣神之手  
来引导我们创造一个以主为中心的校园，  
让我们的师生常与您同在，  
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## **MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (FULL SCHOOL)**

Heavenly Father,  
Help us to accept everyone  
regardless of faith or religion.  
Give us strength and confidence to be faithful  
in our daily commitment  
to bring about equality and inclusivity  
in our Marist Family.

Guide us in your loving presence  
to bring the God encounter to others.  
With the Marist charisms of Simplicity, Family Spirit  
and In the Way of Mary,  
may we be confident witnesses,  
creating a sense of belonging in a safe space  
for all Marists to feel loved and respected. Amen.

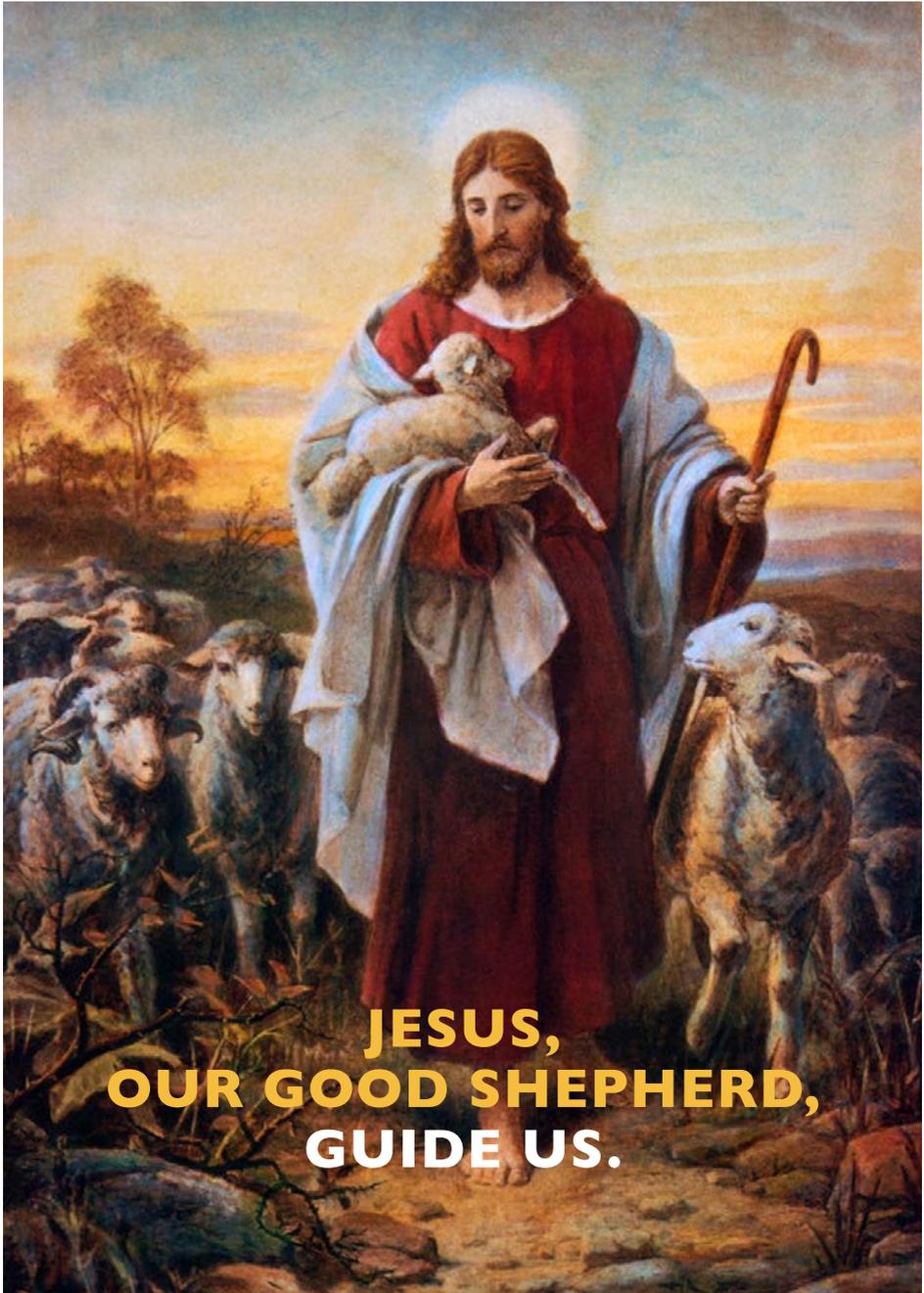
St Marcellin Champagnat, pray for us.  
Mary, our Good Mother, pray for us.

## MARYMOUNT CONVENT SCHOOL

Jesus Our Good Shepherd,  
We praise and thank You for Your love and guidance.  
We ask You to continue to guide us  
as we bring Your presence to all in our school  
through expressing gratitude in our daily lives.  
Lord, empower us with Your Holy Spirit  
in the planning of our programmes to reach the masses.  
Jesus, we entrust all our girls and our staff  
to Your loving embrace,  
knowing that You, our Good Shepherd,  
will seek out the best in us  
and we strive to live out the school values.  
Help all our staff to experience Your love and compassion  
as we share God's Light to all around us  
and bring that same unconditional love and compassion to our girls.  
We make this prayer in Jesus' most precious name.  
Amen.

## MARYMOUNT PRESCHOOL

Dear Good Shepherd God,  
We pray we are committed to the goals and plans we have set  
to bring more godly encounters among the children and staff.  
Give us the determination, perseverance and strength  
to fulfil the mission you have placed in our hearts.  
May every child, parent and staff  
experience your compassion through us.  
St Mary Euphrasia, be with us  
as we love and care for the children entrusted in our care.  
In the name of the Jesus,  
Amen.



**JESUS,  
OUR GOOD SHEPHERD,  
GUIDE US.**

## **MONTFORT JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Dear St. Louis Marie de Montfort  
Please pray with us to God  
to grant me the grace to be a true Montfortian,  
faithful in my duties at all times,  
striving always for the highest standard  
in behaviour, sports and academic performance.  
Give me the love to be a caring person,  
helpful to all especially to the poor, the weak and the disadvantaged.  
Imbue me with the courage  
to face and overcome all difficulties and hardships,  
and the wisdom to tell right from wrong.  
Sustain me in all my endeavours  
that I may uphold the school Motto:  
"AGE QUOD AGIS"  
and always be true and loyal  
to my alma mater and my country.  
Amen.

## **MONTFORT SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Dear Lord,  
Thank you for guiding and blessing us through our faith journey  
and giving us a Catholic school environment for us to grow.  
Help us Lord to follow our hearts and to grow in our faith with you.  
Give us strength, wisdom and passion  
to help build the Catholic community in our school,  
guided by the CHRISTE values.  
With Mary as our model  
and following the footsteps of St. Louis Marie de Montfort,  
may we be the guiding light for others to experience Jesus.  
Mary Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.  
St. Louis Marie de Montfort, pray for us.

## **ST ANTHONY'S CANOSSIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for the gift of the early missionaries  
who dedicated their lives towards creating schools  
for the poor and the less fortunate.  
We thank you for your continued blessings  
throughout the many years  
to allow us to reach out to the marginalized  
and to continue to educate and form the hearts of our young.

Continue to bless us with commitment, compassion and cheerfulness  
to nurture each child in their own way by forming hearts,  
enlightening minds and empowering spirits  
to live in The Way, The Truth and The Life.  
May we continue to walk in the footsteps  
of Saint Magdalene of Canossa and St Josephine Bakhita  
to Make Jesus Known and Loved. Amen.

## **ST ANTHONY'S CANOSSIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for the GIFT of our Canossian Sisters  
and our Community of Staff, Students and Parents  
who Grow us In Faith Together  
so that we LOVE (Live Our Vocation Everyday)  
all who come our way.

We pray for God's grace and wisdom  
to give us the energy and creativity  
to better make Jesus known and loved  
so as to sow the seeds of faith.  
May we learn to embrace The Way, The Truth and The Life  
so that we are faithful witnesses,  
championing the dignity and sacredness  
of every individual's life.  
Amen.

## ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear God,  
you loved us so much that You gave us your only Son.  
Jesus came to us as an expression of your great love  
for us and those who encountered Him intimately,  
had their eyes and hearts opened to you.  
Blessed are those who have not seen but yet believe.  
Help us as a community of Catholic schools,  
to provide opportunities for the children in our care,  
to let them encounter you  
and experience your love in their personal lives.  
May these encounters be a light to their path  
and may they, in turn, bring your light and your love to others.  
In Your Holy Name. Amen.

## ST GABRIEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

We pray that all of us, guided by the Holy Spirit,  
remain committed in our efforts to help our boys  
to know, to love and to serve God.



## **ST GABRIEL'S SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Dear Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for the many blessings you have given us  
and the GIFT of this Gabrielite family,  
allowing us to Grow In Faith Together.  
Continue to guide us on our journey  
to shaping lives for service to God and to the nation.  
Give us the strength, wisdom and commitment  
to build the Catholic community in our school.  
May we continue to walk in the footsteps of Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort,  
to care for the last, the lost and the least.  
We make this prayer in the Name of Jesus,  
through the intercession of our blessed Mother Mary.  
St. Louis-Marie de Montfort, pray for us. St. Gabriel, pray for us.

## **ST JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION**

Lord God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;  
Courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.  
For I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength. Amen.

## **ST JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION JUNIOR**

Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for blessing us with a community of  
Catholic staff, pupils, parent volunteers and partners in SJI Junior.  
We pray that we may resume, initiate and improve  
the Catholic activities in our school  
so as to offer a range of meaningful experiences  
for our whole community to encounter Christ powerfully.  
May all who work, study and collaborate with us  
know and love Christ better.  
We make this prayer in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
and through the intercession of  
Our Lady, Queen and Mother of Christian Schools,  
St John Baptist de La Salle, St Joseph and St Michael. Amen.

## ST STEPHEN'S SCHOOL

Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God...  
Let me be the change I want to see  
to do with strength and wisdom all that needs to be done  
and become the hope that I can be.  
Set me free from my fears and hesitations,  
grant me courage and humility.  
Fill me with spirit to face the challenge  
and start the change I long to see.  
Today I start the change I want to see.  
Even if I'm not the light, I can be the spark.  
In faith, service and communion,  
let us start the change we want to see.  
The change that begins in me.  
I will continue, O my God, to do all my actions for the love of You.  
Queen and mother of Christian schools, pray for us.  
St John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us.  
St Stephen the first martyr, pray for us.  
Live Jesus in our hearts, forever.

## ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Heavenly Father,  
Thank you for the many blessings and gifts  
you have showered on us.  
We praise and thank you for watching over us.  
Guide us as we move forward,  
that we may continue to bring You to all who pass through our gates.  
Give us strength to zealously work  
for your good and the good of our students.  
We bring to you the thanksgiving,  
prayers and intercessions of all our stakeholders  
and our prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.  
I will continue, O my God, to do all my actions for the love of you.  
Mary, Queen and Mother of Christian Schools... Pray for us.  
St. Patrick... Pray for us.  
St. John Baptist de La Salle... Pray for us.  
Live Jesus in our hearts... Forever.

**A TIME TO REFLECT  
AND GIVE THANKS  
A TIME TO PRAY AND  
BE INSPIRED  
A TIME TO LOOK  
AHEAD AND HOPE  
TO DISCERN THE  
CALL OF GOD  
IN MOMENTS  
OF PRAYER AND  
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