

A BLESSING for OUR GRADUATES

**I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord,
plans for good and not for evil,
to give you a hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11**



Presence of God

**We pause and remember that You, O God, are always present to us.
You have created us a little less than the angels and You have crowned us
with glory and honor.**

Scripture Quotes

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6**

**For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you
will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.
Philippians 1:6**

**And we pray...that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him
in every way; bearing fruit in every good work, and growing in the knowledge
of God.
Colossians 1:10**

**For we are His workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand
that we should walk in them.
Ephesians 2:10**

Gospel: Matthew 5: 12-16

Rejoice and be glad...

**You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be
seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and
trampled underfoot.**

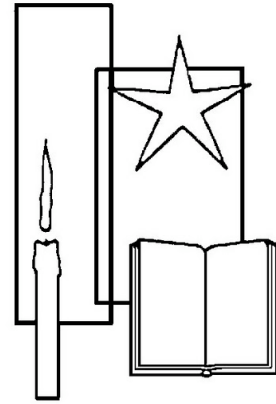
**You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.
Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a
lamp stand, where it gives light to all in the house.
Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good
deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.**

Prayers of Intercession

**Response: Lord, come and be light for our eyes.
Show us the way to fullness of life, Lord Jesus;
that our hearts might be filled with joy, hope, and peace, we pray;
that we might respond to opportunities, we pray;
that we might be strengthened to face challenges, we pray;
that we might become the persons we are called to be, we pray;
that we might learn to respect all of our sisters and brothers, we pray;
that we might see the needs of others and give help, we pray.**

A Prayer for our Graduates

May you have **WISDOM** in heart and mind
SUCCESS in every challenge you find
COURAGE to seek life's purpose for you
BELIEF in yourself to make it come true
STRENGTH to do your best and endure
And the guiding light of **FAITH** to ensure
That wherever you go, whatever you do,
God's **LOVE** will always see you through.
Lisa O. Englehardt



YOUTH CREDO

We believe in the greatness of our vocation to be salt and light for God's Kingdom.

We believe that God has called us into this world for a purpose, which we can discover only in prayer and in loving service to others.

We believe in the gift of parents and in giving thanks for all they have done through happy and difficult times to bring us to this day.

We believe our teachers, educational assistants, principal and support staff have been given the wisdom, knowledge and patience to guide us through our school years to graduation.

We believe in and are thankful for all of the benefactors of our Catholic schools who make this dream and opportunity a reality.

We believe that we are a sacramental people, called to fullness of life through Baptism, to be strengthened, nourished and renewed through Confirmation, Eucharist, and all the sacraments.

We believe in the gift of being a community of faith, led by our Pastors, parents and teachers.

We believe in the gift of joyful living through play, laughter and sharing in our school activities and life.

We believe in practicing social justice as witnesses to God's Kingdom, preached by Jesus.

Finally, we believe in God the Father, in Jesus Christ His Son and in the Holy Spirit. We believe that God loves us and will continue to bless us as we move on to the next stage of our education.

Benediction

**Be anxious for nothing,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.**

**And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

The Lord bless you and keep you:

**The Lord make His face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you:**

**The Lord lift up His countenance
upon you and give you peace.**

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!

