

**PRAYING for GOD'S BLESSING on OUR NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

**O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter:  
we are all the work of your hands. Isaiah 64: 8**



**Let us pause and remember that we are always and everywhere in the presence of the Lord God.**

**This God Who made us, knew us before we were born and loved us, and still loves us and calls us to be His own.**

**In the name of the Father Who created us,**

**And in the name of Jesus our Brother Who redeemed us,**

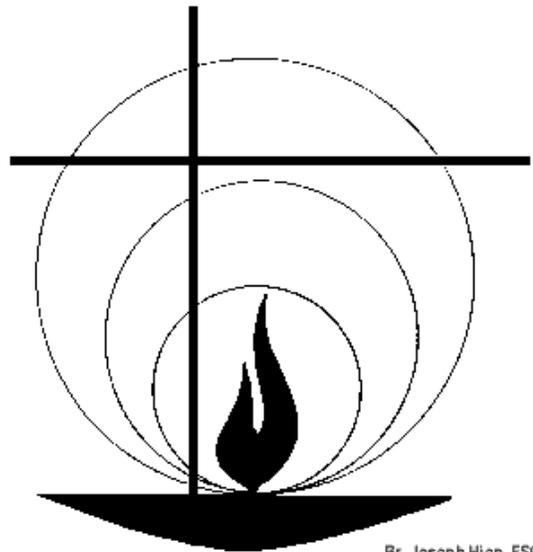
**And in the name of the Spirit of God Who continually calls us to life and to holiness. All glory and praise, honor and thanksgiving be given now and forever. Amen.**

**Breathe on me, O Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love the things You love,  
And do what You would do.**

**Breathe on me, O Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with You I have one will,  
To live and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, O Breath of God,  
My soul with grace refine,  
Until this earthy part of me  
Glows with Your fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, O Breath of God,  
So I shall never die,  
But live with You the perfect life  
In Your eternity.**



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**Deuteronomy 11**

**With your own eyes you have seen all these great deeds that the LORD has done.**

**Keep all the commandments, then, which I enjoin on you .**

**Truly heed my commandments which I enjoin on you today, loving and serving the LORD, your God, with all your heart and all your soul.**

**Therefore, take these words of mine into your heart and soul. Teach them to your children, speaking of them at home and abroad, whether you are busy or at rest.**

## **Proverbs 4**

**(Side 1) Hear, O children, a father's instruction, be attentive, that you may gain understanding!**

**(Side 2) Yes, excellent advice I give you; my teaching do not forsake.**

**(Side 1) When I was my father's child, frail, yet the darling of my mother, He taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart hold fast my words: keep my commands, that you may live!**

**(Side 2) "Get wisdom, get understanding! Do not forget or turn aside from the words I utter. Forsake her not, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will safeguard you;**

**(Side 1) The beginning of wisdom is: get wisdom; at the cost of all you have, get understanding. Exalt her, and she will exalt you; she will bring you honors if you embrace her;**

**She will put on your head a graceful diadem; a glorious crown will she bestow on you."**

**(Side 2) Hear, my child, and receive my words, and the years of your life shall be many.**

**On the way of wisdom I direct you, I lead you on straightforward paths. When you walk, your step will not be impeded, and should you run, you will not stumble.**

**(Side 1) Hold fast to instruction, never let her go; keep her, for she is your life. The path of the wicked enter not, walk not on the way of evil men;**

**Shun it, cross it not, turn aside from it, and pass on.**

**For they cannot rest unless they have done evil; to have made no one stumble steals away their sleep.**

**For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.**

**The way of the wicked is like darkness; they know not on what they stumble.**

**(Side 2) But the path of the just is like shining light, that grows in brilliance till perfect day.**

**My child, to my words be attentive, to my sayings incline your ear; Let them not slip out of your sight, keep them within your heart; For they are life to those who find them, to man's whole being they are health. With closest custody, guard your heart, for in it are the sources of life.**

**(Side 1) Put away from you dishonest talk, deceitful speech put far from you.**

**Let your eyes look straight ahead and your glance be directly forward. Survey the path for your feet, and let all your ways be sure.**

## **Reflection of St. John Baptist de La Salle**

**What De La Salle told the early Brothers still holds true for the Brothers of today and their Lasallian colleagues who minister in our schools as our teachers, coaches, moderators and staff members:**

**They are ambassadors and ministers of Jesus Christ and represent Him in all that they do.**

**They are cooperators with the parents in providing the groundwork for a Christian education in the faith as well as the other subjects.**

**They are to watch over their students and keep them from harm and sin and correct them if and when necessary, and to help them grow in a Christian spirit and in piety.**

**They must continually ask Jesus Christ to make His Spirit come alive in themselves since He has chosen them to do His work.**

**They must constantly pray for their students and be people of prayer.**

**They must have a great zeal for passing on truth and have an enthusiasm for education and must always practice what they preach.**

**They must have a spirit of faith, a love for Sacred Scripture, and a realization of the abiding presence of God.**

**They must see Christ in others especially the working class and the poor and serve them through education.**

### **Thoughts for Reflection:**

**How do I look upon my students or teachers? Do I show them the respect they deserve?**

**Do I approach each class with an open and willing attitude to learn something? Why?**

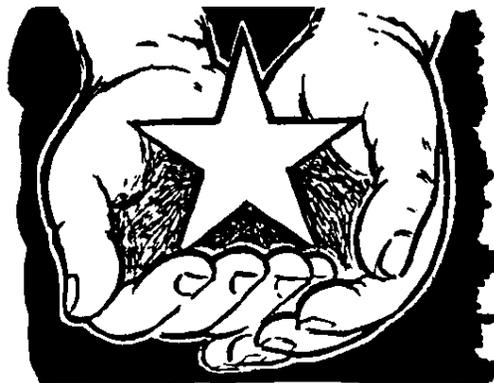
**Am I willing to grow in my faith life? Why?**

**Am I willing to be of service to others without counting the cost? Why?**

**Do I pray for my students or teachers, coaches, moderators and classmates?**

**How do I foster a Lasallian spirit in our school?**

**Do I see the face of Christ in others especially those who do not seem to fit the norm?**



### **A Litany of Thanksgiving**

**For the opportunity of an education, we thank You, Lord  
For the opportunity of a Christian education,  
For the opportunity of a Lasallian Christian education,  
For the De La Salle Christian Brothers and their colleagues in ministry,  
For benefactors of Catholic education,  
For the benefactors of this school,  
For our teachers, coaches, moderators and staff,  
For our parents and families,  
For our alumni,  
For the pastors and parishes who give encouragement to this school,  
For all who attend this school,  
For all the good that has been accomplished through this school,  
For the opportunities of opening new horizons for us,**

**Let us pray:**

**Lord Jesus, You are the cornerstone of this school and of our lives.  
Continue to be the foundation upon which we build. May we always  
keep You at the center of our hearts and lives as we journey onward  
through life never forgetting what we have learned. We make this  
prayer in Your name, Jesus, You Who are our Brother, our Teacher and  
our Redeemer. Amen.**

**Help us O Lord, to learn  
The truths Your Word imparts:  
To study that Your Law may be  
Inscribed upon our hearts.**

**Help us, O Lord, to live  
The faith which we proclaim,  
That all our thoughts and words and deeds  
May glorify Your name.**

**Help us, O Lord, to teach  
The beauty of Your ways,  
That yearning souls may find the Christ,  
And sing aloud His name.**

**Father of Light and Wisdom,  
thank You for giving me  
a mind that can know  
and a heart that can love.  
Help me to keep learning every day of my life—  
no matter what the subject may be.**

**let me be convinced that all knowledge leads to You  
and let me know how to find You and love You  
in all the things You have made.**

**Encourage me when the studies are difficult  
and when I am tempted to give up.  
Enlighten me when my brain is slow  
and help me to grasp the truth held out to me.  
Grant me the grace to put my knowledge to use  
in building the kingdom of God on earth  
so that I may enter the kingdom of God in heaven. Amen.**



**Our Lady of the Star, Queen and Mother of Christian Schools,  
watch over our school.**

**Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Patron of Christian Teachers,  
guide all teachers as they lead their students to truth.**

**Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!**