

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We were pleased to share a special gift in your Back to School packet: The Treasury of Catholic Prayers, generously provided by Archbishop Bernard Hebda for students in Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese. This beautiful prayer book is designed to support our students as they grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, deepen their love for the Catholic faith, and participate more fully in the sacramental life of the Church.

Our K-8 families received a personal copy in the packet. The prayer book is especially meaningful as students prepare for and celebrate the sacraments, but its value extends well beyond sacramental preparation.

In his pastoral letter, *Only One Thing is Necessary*, Archbishop Hebda reminds us of the profound gift that parents give their children when they pray with and for them:

“Our God is at the other end of each prayer — a God who loves eternally, guides paternally and gives endlessly. But we need to be connected to God if we are to hear His voice... How powerful is it, then, for our children to see their parents and family members pray, hear them pray, learn from them how to pray and accompany us in prayer!”

The Treasury of Catholic Prayers gives your family a wonderful resource. It contains the traditional prayers that students are learning as part of their Catholic education, along with litanies, personal prayers, sacred art, and responses for Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We encourage you to open it together, pray the prayers aloud, and allow your child to see that prayer is not simply something we learn at school but, rather, it is how we live in relationship with God.

There is no cost to families for this prayer book. We have extra prayer books in the office if you would like to have another copy. When we run out, additional copies are available for purchase.

We are grateful to Archbishop Hebda for this generous gift and for his commitment to helping our young people grow in faith and prayer. We look forward to seeing the Treasury of Catholic Prayers become a meaningful part of our students' spiritual lives.

Thank you for partnering with us in the important work of forming young people who know and love the Catholic faith and who are invited, through prayer, into a deeper relationship with Christ.

With gratitude and prayers,

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