

All Are Welcome!



REFLECTION:
Build Bethlehem
Everywhere

The work of Catholic education is always linked to inclusion. We include the destitute in the family of caring, the ignorant in the family of learning, the sick in the family of healing. We desire to teach all the children that pass through our doors that they are not forgotten, that they are not lost from our memory or our hearts.

In this instance, Catholic education strives to hear the human hunger to belong. Today that hunger only continues to grow. The answer of Catholic schools is to shatter a world of exclusion with an inclusive presence. It can be an incredibly easy thing to be complacent in a society that considers some less able to belong – especially the poor, the illiterate, the differently-abled, the very old and those as yet unborn. The spirit and spirituality of Catholic education does not merely acknowledge that the world includes these people and many more like them. It insists that they be included in our world of grace and presence.

PRAYER:

God our Father, you sent your Son Jesus to spread the Good News of your Kingdom: a Kingdom of justice, of peace and of love. He sought out the lost and marginalized, and drew them back in to the heart of the community of believers. He opened the ears of those who longed to hear, the eyes of those who longed to see, the hearts and minds of those who longed for the freedom to love and understand. Grant that your Holy Spirit may inspire our reflections this day, that we might strive to do the same. May our work today help bring forth a greater understanding and commitment to the needs of all whom we are called to serve.

We make this prayer to You in Jesus' name.

ALL:

Amen.