

PRAYERS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL, SECONDARY SEPTEMBER 2017

Tuesday, September 5

Remembering the Promise – Faire mémoire de la promesse

God of Hope,

Today we give thanks for Catholic education, its history and promise for the future. We remember all those who gave freely of their talents and conviction to bring us to where we are today. We ask your blessing on the many who have sacrificed and dreamed of a place for educating in faith. We ask special blessings on the many religious communities who committed to a vocation of education promoting the wellbeing of all. We are blessed with the fruits of their labour. May we continue to remember as we journey in faith toward a bright future.

We make this prayer in the name of your son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen. +

Wednesday, September 6

The Promise is Within You – La promesse est en toi

Faithful God,

In the fullness of time your promises to us are always fulfilled. During dark times, we recall to each other the promise of our Baptism and witness together to the hope of the Resurrection. Now, our students are your promises for the future. May the faith that we share continue to bear rich fruit in the ongoing contribution of Catholic school graduates in our community, our province and our nation.

We make this prayer in the name of the Risen Jesus.

Amen. +

Thursday, September 7

Praying the Promise – Prier la promesse

Creator God,

Awaken the seed of faith within us. Help us to remember to honour the promise of Catholic education through our commitment to prayer. We are grateful for the community with which you bless us. May our continued prayer rise to you and express our hope for the promise of a future of learning in faith. Open our hearts so that the distinctive thread that binds us together enables us to appreciate the tapestry of our world, created through your love. May our prayer bring us to a place where we honour all of humanity and creation as sacred.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our brother and teacher.

Amen. +

Friday, September 8

Living the Promise – Vivre la promesse

God of mercy,

We thank you for the example given by Pope Francis, who shows us what it means to recognize Christ in every person and to accept people as they are. May our schools be positive, accepting, inclusive and forgiving learning environments, so that Catholic education bears prophetic witness to the dignity of every human person. Help us to better build your kingdom through joyful service.

We make this prayer in the name of your son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen. +

