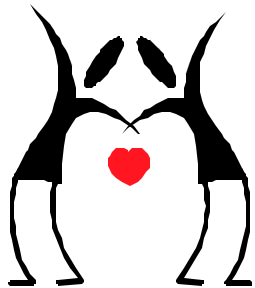


Finally, beloved,
whatever is true,
whatever is honourable,
whatever is just,
whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely,
whatever is gracious,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything
worthy of praise,
think about these things.
Keep on doing what you
have learned and received
and heard and seen in me.
Then the God of peace will
be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



closing

In our hearts
let us create a sanctuary,
a sacred place
where we can hear the voice
of the Holy One of God
say to us:
“Be not afraid,
you are my beloved,
I have carved your name
on the palm of my hand”.



You are blessed so that you can bless;
You are graced so that you can become grace;
You are enlightened so that you can enlighten;
You are loved so that you can love;
You have been taught so that you can now teach My
Word.

Amen

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**Beloved
of
God**



***Be not afraid,
You are my beloved,
I have carved your name
On the palm of my hand...***

Beloved of God...

introduction

Today's prayer service looks at the worth of those educators and educational support staff who make our Catholic schools possible. Today's theme is based on the words of Bishop Tony Meagher. He said, "God must love you teachers very much, because God has chosen you to bring the Good News to the young." Teachers, support staff, trustees, and pastors are involved in creating a sacred space where learning can take place.



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Lord, it's so easy to get wrapped up in the doing that we forget You are always with us. We forget that we are Your arms embracing a crying child, Your wisdom leading their minds towards maturity, Your heart loving them as we would want to be loved.

For the times when we have been unaware of God's trust in us,

All: Lord Have Mercy.

Lord, there are times when we have failed to have the courage of our convictions. We have known the right thing to do but we just can't seem to do it. We have said what is right.

For the times when we have failed to put our faith into action,

All: Christ Have Mercy.

Christ, there are times when we do things that are really not worthy of You. There are times when we are unjustifiably angry, jealous and ungrateful. There are times when we feel like being a Catholic teacher is not worth the extra effort.

For the times when we have betrayed your trust,

All: Lord Have Mercy.

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We are all beloved of God...



scripture

reading:

Philippians 4:4-8

Our sinfulness is not the last word. We are a redeemed people. Listen to the reading and know that we are the beloved of God.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all.

The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

Then the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.