

PLEASE JOIN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN PRAYER AS WE ASK FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON CHILDREN, TEACHERS, PARENTS AND FAMILIES.

**On Friday, December 6, 2019 in Schools,
December 7-8, 2019 in Celebrations of the Mass**



LIVING AND TRUE GOD,

YOU CREATED ALL THAT IS GOOD AND HOLY IN YOUR IMAGE. BE CLOSE TO US, YOUR SERVANTS, WHO GATHER HERE TODAY. BE OUR CONSTANT HELP AND PROTECTION AS WE LOVINGLY REACH OUT TO WELCOME AND EMBRACE ALL YOUR CHILDREN, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ABILITIES, IN OUR PARISHES AND SCHOOLS. BLESS OUR CHILDREN AS THEY GROW TOGETHER IN FAITH, KNOWLEDGE AND FRIENDSHIP. AND BLESS THEIR PARENTS AND EDUCATORS WHO GUIDE THEM THROUGH CHALLENGES, WHO CELEBRATE THEIR SPECIAL GIFTS AND WHO ENCOURAGE THEM TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL. WE ASK THIS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, FOREVER AND EVER.

AMEN

“An education in the fullness of humanity should be the defining feature of Catholic schools. An inclusive education finds a place for all and does not select in an elitist way of the beneficiaries of its efforts.

– Pope Francis



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