



## Catholic Schools Week 2019

LEARN – SERVE – LEAD – SUCCEED

### *Prayer Service of Appreciation for our Teachers*

**Call to Prayer:**

Catholic Schools Week provides a beautiful opportunity to reflect on the treasure of a Catholic Education and to give thanks to all of the dedicated people who make it possible. The devotion and generosity of our teachers cannot be measured. Through the years, they have not only formed the minds and shaped the hearts of countless students, but they have also animated their souls to be committed disciples of Jesus Christ. Sharing in the call of our IHM Congregation to be “joyful bearers of God’s redeeming love,” they are an inspiration and source of joy to all of us. Thank you, dear teachers, for bringing LOVE, CREATIVE HOPE, and FIDELITY to us each day in so many ways.

**Presider:**

We give thanks to God every time we think of you.

**All:**

Which is constantly in every prayer. Glory be to the Father...

**Opening Hymn:**

We Are Called (David Haas)

Verse 1

**Antiphon:**

“Love never says ENOUGH!” *Saint Alphonsus Liguori*

**Please pray in Unison:**

**Prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila**

Christ has no body but yours  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which He looks  
Compassion on the world,  
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.  
Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which He looks compassion  
on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.  
Glory be to the Father....



**Reading:**

Ephesians 3: 14 – 21

*“May Christ dwell in your heart.”*

**Our Sung Response to the Reading will also be the Response to the Intercessions:**

*Rejoice and be glad. Blessed are you. Holy are you. Rejoice and be glad. Yours is the Kingdom of God.*

**Intercessions**

**Introduction:**

Heavenly Father, we lift up our teachers in prayer. Using the virtues of our IHM Charism, we thank You for the many ways they bring the love of Jesus to us.

**Petitions:**

We give thanks for the FIDELITY of our teachers. Through their example, we LEARN to be more faithful disciples of Jesus, as we pray... *Rejoice and be glad...*

We give thanks for the JOYFUL SERVICE of our teachers. By their witness of serving us each day, we are inspired to SERVE others, as we pray...

We give thanks for the LOVE of our teachers. Through their prayers and self-sacrifice, we are daily invited to LEAD with humility and generosity, as we pray...

We give thanks for the CREATIVE HOPE of our teachers. Imitating their trust in God and in each one of us, we believe we can SUCCEED by never giving up and always finding a way to make our best better, as we pray...



**Closing Prayer:**

God of Boundless Love, thank You for blessing our teachers with a passionate spirit to live the virtues of LOVE, CREATIVE HOPE, and FIDELITY. Give them the graces they need to continually proclaim the Gospel message in the spirit of Jesus the Redeemer. Help them to always inspire us to radiate joyful service with compassion for all God's people. Amen.

**Final Blessing:**

Please extend your right hand towards your teacher and pray:

“May God Who began such good work in you, carry it through to completion. Amen.” *Philippians 1:2*

**Closing Hymn:**

We Are Called

Verse 2

