

**Side A: Let us use our hearts to love unconditionally,
for it is only then that we can truly feel God's devotion for
us, His beloved children.**

**Side B: Let us commit our minds to pray earnestly to God,
for it is only then that we can be open to understanding His
guidance and to living out our faith fully.**

**All: Let us use our eyes, ears, voices, arms, hands, feet, hearts
and minds in God's service as we live out our faith.
Amen**

*Take a moment to reflect on an example of how you are living out
your faith:*

- ... with your family*
- ... with your parish community*
- ... with your daily work*
- ... with your work on the Catholic School Council*

*We invite you to add one of your thoughts to our basket
as a symbol of our journey together.*



Closing Prayer

God of our journey;

*With gratitude, we thank you for Your constant presence.
May we always recognize that we walk in Your company.
Committed to living our faith,
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen*

Catholic Education: Exploring Paths of Joy



"Were not our hearts burning within us?"

-Luke 24:32

This year, as we walk together and share our stories, we journey with our Catholic school communities. The Catholic Education Week theme for this year is:

“Catholic Education: Exploring Paths of Joy”

We will use this theme and the scripture reading, The Road to Emmaus, to inspire our journey. The subthemes for Catholic Education week will ground our Catholic School Council liturgies for the year. Each time we meet we will explore, communicate, collect and share the many layers of this journey of faith. Together, we will invite families to create sacred spaces at school, at home, whereby we can engage and summons our children on this journey.



Opening Prayer

*God of Faith,
You ask us to live our lives as Jesus did.
May we answer Your call to serve others
With open and loving hearts.
We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen*



Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 6:16

*Thus says the Lord:
Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient
paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest
for your souls.*



Living Our Faith: Call and Response

In living our faith we are called to commit our whole person – body, mind and soul – as Christ asks. Let us follow His example and use our intellect, our energies and our hearts to make this world a better place for all.

Side A: Let us use our eyes to view the world through the lens of faith, for it is only then that we see God’s hands at work in us every day.

*Side B: Let us use our ears to hear the spoken word of God,
for it is only then that we can listen to God’s call with open hearts.*

Side A: Let us use our voices to speak no evil, but to spread the Good News, for it is only then that our words can make a positive difference in the lives of those around us.

*Side B: Let us use our arms to embrace the marginalized,
for it is only then that our compassion can encircle the world, promoting welcome and inclusion.*

Side A: Let us use our hands to touch the hearts of those around us, for it is only then that we can mold the world around us in the image of Christ.

*Side B: Let us use our feet to walk the halls of justice,
for it is only then that we can fully be compassionate to the tribulations of the poor, voiceless and marginalized.*