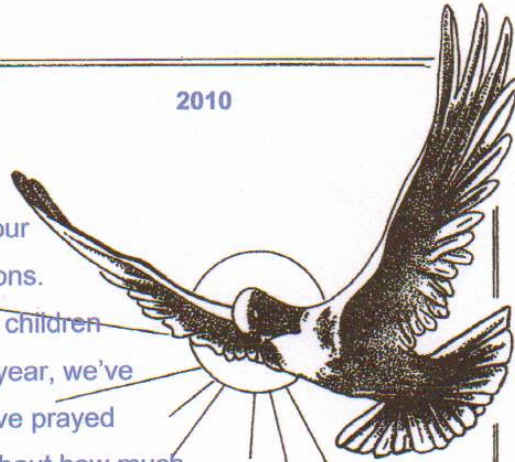


Dear Parents,

As I look at the faces of the children in our school at this time of year, I feel several emotions. First, there's a mild sadness. Each time these children and I have come together during this learning year, we've shared some of life's most precious gifts. We've prayed together, had fun together and learned more about how much God loves each and every one of us, no matter what. I will miss that regular faith-building and faith-sharing experience. I also feel a great satisfaction. I know my own faith has been greatly enriched because I've been able to join with these children and be a part in everything they've done and learned.



But there's one other very important emotion: gratitude. I am grateful to you for the trust and confidence you've placed in me to share our Catholic faith with these young people. You, the teachers, and I have been partners in this experience and everything your child(ren) experienced in the classrooms needed to find its full meaning in the day-to-day life of faith they live there at home. Thank you for being the first, the most important, and the most excellent catechists for your children. Try to remember what children need from A to Z. . . .

- Acceptance
- Boundaries
- Compassion
- Devotion
- Encouragement
- Fun
- Goals
- Honesty
- Inspiration
- Justice
- Kindness
- Laughter
- Modeling
- Nurturing
- Opportunities
- Praise
- Quality time
- Respect
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