

BLESSING & COMMISSIONING OF STUDENTS

Program for the Closing of the School Year

(A Sample that can be adapted to your own school setting.)



Celebrant: I invite all Students to stand.

We have come to the end of another school year. Each of us was called to grow in wisdom, age and grace, as we practiced living Gospel values and Christian virtues this year. During this school year we celebrated moments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Each class has fulfilled requirements of Religion, Mathematics, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Computer, Art and Music. Students have excelled at writing, spelling, geography, art and various other contests.

You can be proud of your efforts, and we pause to recognize and bless each of our Students here today.

To the Students of Grade 1:

Congratulations on learning how much God loves you in His beautiful creation and in our wonderful family of faith. We are proud of your efforts to learn to read, and for all your participation in our school community. We bless you and commission you to practice the value of **JOY**, and we will welcome you as Second Graders in September.

Will the new Second Graders please be seated!

To the Students of Grade 2:

Congratulations on learning how much God cares for you, and on being initiated into the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. We are especially proud of you for completing your new skills of reading and writing. We bless you and commission you to practice the value of **KINDNESS**, and we will welcome you as Third Graders in September.

Will the new Third Graders please be seated!

To the Students of Grade 3:

Congratulations on learning the mysteries of the Creed of our Church, and striving daily to put this faith into practice! We are proud of your efforts to master the times tables and investigate science all around us. We bless you and commission you to practice the value of **PEACE**, and we will welcome you as Fourth Graders in September.

Will the new Fourth Graders please be seated!

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To the Students of Grade 4:

Congratulations on learning the Commandments and laws of our faith. The Beatitudes will foster your quest for happiness. We are proud of you for completing your assignments and striving for excellence in all that you do. We bless you and commission you to practice the value of **ORDERLINESS**, and we will welcome you as Fifth Graders in September.

Will the new Fifth Graders please be seated!

To the Students of Grade 5:

Congratulations on studying about the Mass and the Sacraments of the Catholic Church this year. We are proud of your efforts to develop the skills and strategies to say "NO" to temptation and "YES" to right choices. We bless you and commission you to practice the value of **COURAGE**, and will welcome you as Sixth Graders in September.

Will the new Sixth Graders please be seated!

To the Students of Grade 6:

Congratulations on learning about the many mysteries and amazing people of the Hebrew Scriptures, and for completing your initiation into the Catholic Church this year. We are proud of your writing skills, and grateful for your talent and dedication. We look forward to your participation and great enthusiasm next year. We bless you and commission you to practice the value of **RESPECT**, and will welcome you as Seventh Graders next year.

Will the new Seventh Graders please be seated!

To the Students of Grade 7:

Congratulations on discovering the lessons of the life of Jesus, His parables and miracles, and the Beatitudes that will lead you to true happiness. We are proud of your efforts to show school spirit in your excellent participation in this year's activities. We know our younger students were encouraged by your example and companionship. We bless you and commission you to practice the virtue of **INITIATIVE** as the new leaders of our school, and we will welcome you as Eighth Graders in September.

Will the new Eighth Graders please be seated!

You leave here today to enjoy relaxation, family excursions, and a break from alarm clocks, school buses and homework. May you take with you the habits of prayer, value-based living, and enthusiasm for continued learning and reading wherever you go.

Stay safe and close to God each day. We will be looking for you at Mass and around the parish this summer. May God bless you!