

My dear Teachers, Students and Parents,

Gratitude is a word used to express thankfulness and praise. Let us praise and thank the Almighty God for His amazing power and work in our lives, for His goodness, blessings, wonders, miracles and unconditional love and care over us. He is able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for His purposes especially at this Covid -19. In the words of **Mother Teresa** - “The best way to show gratitude to God is to accept everything, even my problems, with joy.” The more we express our gratitude to God for our blessing, the more He will bring to our mind other blessings. The more we are grateful, the happier we become. With his blessings and grace we were able to end the school year 2020-2021 successfully.

With immense gratitude and grateful heart I thank all our dear teachers for your enormous cooperation, support and patience shown these past 10 months. We had successes and some challenges, yet despite all, you continued the work that has been entrusted to you to ensure the safety and educational needs of our students. You maintained, encouraged and improved our students’ readiness for learning at home. In doing this, students were able to revise and refine their skills and you had the opportunity to see our students responding to the work they provide, and communication may have improved. Your dedication and commitment is outstanding and our students are the beneficiaries. Thank you dear teacher, for providing rich and engaging, well-rounded experiences for our students and knowing that education is about wonder and fostering curiosity, along with development of social skills so needed to succeed. In your pastoral roles, you have provided support and guidance to students who are struggling for a variety of reasons. You have found new ways of doing things, particularly in the context of extra-curricular activity, to ensure a good and safe overall school experience for our students. It is our mission to see all our students do very well. For all these and a million other responsibilities and duties, I am truly grateful.

With gratitude I thank the Student Council and other leaders of our school for their leadership along with their own studies, who at this challenging time shouldering up their responsibilities and duties in organizing co-curricular activities. The innovative approach adopted in Transition Year stands out as a particular beacon in this regard with the empowerment of so many hard-working and creative sub-committees of students linking in with their teachers.

An expression of special thanks goes to all our parents and well wishers for your rock-solid support system and encouragement, who stood as a pillar in a virtual and outside classroom supporting teachers in everything possible. Your presence and support makes a much stronger working community to achieve the school goals and ensuring our students that they are our top priority. You tried your best to make sure that your daughter continues learning while the school is closed. May God bless you and thank you for your support.

I would like to thank our hard working and caring non-teaching and support staff, who have made a huge difference in holding the fort at this difficult time. You are our exemplary model in

selfless service to the school by taking risks of own lives, facing all the challenges in coming and out off the school every day even at this Covid -19 times. I pray that your love and service may keep on growing more and more, together with true knowledge and perfect judgment, so that you will be able to choose what is best. Thank you very much for your generous service.

At the closing of the academic year, I take this opportunity to congratulate each and every one of you and I am proud to say that I admire our wonderful Loreto team. I would like to say abig thank you to the Loreto community, staff, students, and parents, who have helped in any way, big or small, to get through the challenging year of 2020 with that unique and unstoppable Loreto Spirit. We the Loreto family, the staff, students and parents of the school have worked hard to adapt to a new way of working. It is appropriate to end with the words of St Paul, the Apostle, I thank my God for you every time I think of you; and every time I pray for you all, I pray with joy because of the way in which you have helped me in the work of the gospel from the very first day until now. I am sure that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it on until it is finished on the Day of Christ Jesus. I wish you all Avery happy, safe and enjoyable break and good holiday with the family.