

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom (Wisdom 9:1-6) (Adapted)

“Wisdom has built her house, she has established its pillars and now she prepares a banquet for all who would come and learn. She sends out the invitation to all who would listen: “You who wish to learn enter here and be nourished in your soul, lay aside the ways of childishness and walk in the way of understanding.”

(Upon entering the building, the rooms are sprinkled with holy water, saying:)

V. Peace to this school .

R. And to all who teach and learn in it.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who has made heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,

We ask your blessing today on our new school building and on the work of teaching and learning that takes place here.

Remind us of your promise that wherever two or three are gathered together in your name you are with us.

May our awareness of your presence leave us open to the gifts you wish to give as we grow in wisdom together.

May the knowledge we share here give us a greater appreciation of the wonder of life and a greater desire to share our talents with others.

May our relationships be guided by your gentleness and a spirit of understanding.

May our teachers instill confidence in our young people and may our students always respect the work of those who guide them.

May the memory of those who have gone before us in school X always be a source of inspiration to each new generation.

As we move forward in the work of education may all of us who benefit from working in this new building remain true to the vision of congregational founder.

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God