

Fr. Martin's Reflection – September 3, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It's that time of the year again - Back To School! This term, "back to school," can conjure up so many different emotions, some feel excitement and joy, others fear and anxiety. Let us keep all who are involved in education in our prayers over the next couple of weeks as students and teachers settle in. Let us pray for parents whose children are beginning school for the first time, parents of children with special needs, or simply parents who are worried for their children. Let us also remember in a very special way our Religious Education students and our wonderful volunteer teachers, classroom assistants, hall monitors and parking attendants. Thank you for all you do for our young people. Let us pray for each other:

Father, we praise You for who You are.

We give You thanks because You created us in your own image.

Also, we pray for knowledge and understanding for teachers, pupils, and parents.

We pray that you will be with our teachers and pupils as they start a new school year.

**We pray that you will give pupils tenacity as they seek understanding
and new revelations in their studies.**

**Father, we also pray for parents, that they will support pupils by building
a closer working relationship with teachers and staff.**

We ask through Christ our Lord. Amen

Labor Day

Wishing you all a wonderful Labor Day weekend. May you get the opportunity to spend time with family and friends this weekend. It's going to be a long haul to Thanksgiving!

May you always feel God's love and closeness as you begin new things.

Fr. Martin