



## Staff Meeting Prayer Service

**Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God.**

### **READING & RESPONSE:**

*from the Meditations & the Founder's letters*

Response: Strive to become great friends of God.  
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- L: You are in a profession  
in which you need to be honored  
with the friendship of Jesus.
- R: Often recollect yourself  
in order to renew and strengthen in your mind  
the remembrance of the presence of God.  
The more you try to achieve this,  
the easier you will find it to perform your actions  
and carry out your duties well.
- L: Your actions must be the living expression  
of what is written in the Gospel.  
Read the Gospel often,  
with attention and affection,  
and let it be your chief study to put it into practice.
- R: You should apply yourself to prayer as best you can,  
for this is the exercise  
that ordinarily draws down God's grace on the others.

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### **READING:** Pope Francis—March 2015:

- Indeed, the duty of a good teacher - all the more for a Christian teacher - is to love his or her more difficult, weaker, more disadvantaged students with greater intensity.

- The educational relationship of the teacher must be such that each student feels loved for what he or she is, with all of their limitations and potential.
- Teachers are called to engage in the peripheries of the school, which cannot be abandoned to marginalization, exclusion, ignorance, crime.
- You must not teach just content, but the values and customs of life. A computer can teach content, but only a teacher can show how to love, how to understand which values and customs create harmony in society.
- Teaching allows us to see the people who are entrusted to our care grow day after day. Teaching is a relationship in which each teacher must feel fully involved as a person, to give meaning to the educational task towards their students.

## REFLECTION TIME & PETITIONS

### Our Father



### Closing Prayer:

- You, my God, are my strength,  
my patience, my light and my counsel;  
it is you who opens the minds  
and hearts of the children  
confided to my care.
- Abandon me not to myself for the moment.  
for my own conduct  
and for that of my pupils.
- Grant me the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and fortitude,  
the spirit of knowledge and piety,  
the spirit of holy fear of you,  
and an ardent zeal to procure your glory. Amen.

