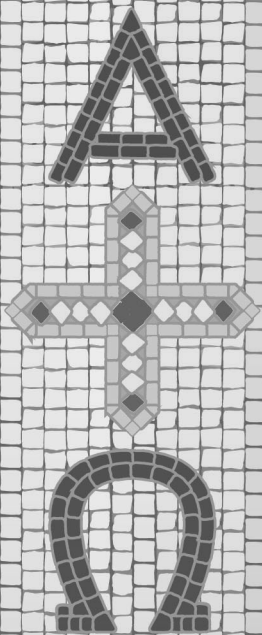


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# CATHEDRAL CHAPEL of ST. VIBIANA

*There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:13-4*

Dear Students and Parents, Faculty and Staff, and Benefactors,

I pray that you and your loved ones are well as I write this 2020 yearbook message during the “Safer at Home” order for our state of California. This global pandemic of COVID-19 has tremendously and tragically affected all of us on every level of society: the world economy, politics, business finances, school, church and individual families.

This academic year has been most difficult for CCS faculty, staff, parents and students. You have learned to be creative, collaborative, and cooperative through online teaching and learning. I hope and pray, especially for our eighth graders, since this is their last year at CCS. They are not able to be at the school campus to meet their classmates and teachers, to give them hugs, high fives, or fist bumps.

Congratulations to all of our eighth graders as they graduate and move to the next stage of their academic learning. A majority of them have attended CCS for five or more years. Now they have been accepted to a number Catholic and other private high schools. Several high schools have awarded them with honors and gave one to four year scholarships.

Their achievement would not have been possible without the sacrifices of their parents. I am truly grateful for the parents’ unwavering support (Continued on next page.)



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of our faculty and staff, and for their trust in our Catholic School system.

During the second Sunday of Easter or Mercy Sunday, Pope Francis gave the following reflection: *With [the Lord], we rediscover how precious we are even in our vulnerability. We discover that we are like beautiful crystals, fragile and at the same time precious. And if, like crystal, we are transparent before him, his light – the light of mercy – will shine in us and through us in the world.*”

*“Like crystal, we are transparent before him, his light – the light of mercy – will shine in us and through us in the world” (Pope Francis).*

All of us, whether we are children or adults, non-believers or believers, poor or rich, are created by God as beautiful and precious crystals, but we can be fragile, afraid, and vulnerable inside.

May these yearbook pictures of laughter, joy, innocence, and inspiration from our students and their families, from our faculty and staff, bring us closer together as one humanity and one community at CCS.

As a pastor, I cherish the many opportunities to be with our faculty and staff as well as our parents and students during the school Masses and Sunday Masses.

I have been able to greet them in the classrooms, the hallways, and the play yard. Especially this year, I appreciated the opportunity to be with our eighth grade students for the retreat at Pali in Lake Arrowhead.

Cathedral Chapel School continues to be academically strong and excellent in the formation of character because of the endless hours of hard work, dedication and commitment of our principal, Ms. Tina Kipp, our faculty and staff, the members of the school board and the PTO.

As this school year comes to an end, there are many memories at CCS that we hold dear to our hearts. We continue to pray for healing and courage for our world during this global crisis of the coronavirus for weeks and months ahead.

My WORD for the first half of 2020 is CLARITY. I pray that all of us will find some sense of clarity when we feel both precious and fragile, afraid and hopeful at the same time.

May the Holy Family of God - Joseph, Mary and Jesus - guide all of you in all your endeavors. May all of our experiences in the days ahead continue to lead us to God.

### **A Message from Tina Kipp, CCS Principal**

*We are living through a period of deep disruption, chaos and anxiety. The things and people we hold most dear have been separated from us and the normal order of life has been utterly upended. As we navigate this pandemic, may we remember the absolute tenderness and perpetual closeness of God. In all the chaos and fear, God is always close enough that we can hear the divine whisper in our hearts.* Reflection on I Kings 19



Dear Faculty, Staff, Students, and Families,

As I write this yearbook message to you, we are in the midst of a global pandemic and our school year has been upended since Friday, March 13, 2020. None of us could have imagined how our lives would be changed at that point and how difficult it would be not to be together as a school community. But we are together even if we are at a distance and continuing to learn through our ZOOM classes with our teachers. I pray daily for your health and safety!

Before that fateful day when we were dismissed to stay safer at home due to the pandemic, our school year at CCS was going well. We had focused on our faith

relationship with God, our strong academic excellence, and our consistent service to the local community. Throughout the good times we shared this past year as well as the difficult moments we have had since March, we know deep in our hearts that God is loving us and strengthening us as a community.

One of the hallmarks of CCS is our strong commitment to service in the local community. This value of service to others is evident in our monthly Hope Net food collections, our outreach to Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women and Children and Alexandria House, Feet the Homeless, and our service projects to different organizations during Catholic Schools Week. We promote moral development and self-discipline in our students evidenced through mutual respect as well as a welcoming, safe, family environment.

Our students are prepared to be responsible citizens and future leaders in our society. This year most of our graduates will be attending Catholic High Schools. Our eighth graders have been accepted to Loyola, Cathedral, Immaculate Heart, Notre Dame Academy, Notre Dame High School, Bishop Conaty, St. John Bosco and St. Monica High School. In addition to our successful high school acceptances many including scholarships, our 2020 AJHD Team won THIRD PLACE OVERALL out of 93 schools at the Archdiocesan AJHD at CAL State