

## Family Letter (4)

October 11, 2011

Dear Colleagues,

**'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'** (Philp 4 :13)

A warm welcome to all the new members who join this big family this year.

The new school year has already started. May I wish you all 'a happy and fruitful new year', following the example of the Good Shepherd ---- **knowing our own and let our own know us, keeping them in company and carry out our mission with much love.**

At our inaugural Mass of the new school year celebrated on 9 September at the Cathedral, I was thrilled with the great responsibility of leading leaders of our Diocesan Schools entrusted to me and the challenges we have to face in the near future. In prayer, God's message keeps repeating: 'I am your Heavenly Teacher. I am your Hope and your Strength.' Then a sense of deep peace embraces my heart. God's grace is with me along every step I take which helps to strengthen, to encourage and to console me.

To hear it is one thing, yet to live it in the present is another. Sometimes it is hard to see how Jesus is at work, especially when we are facing challenges. He is good at using events or persons to tell me about his love, his mercy, his justice and his kindness.

Most of the time, he speaks through the Scriptures to show his love and compassion. He is at work in us in everyday activities, contacts with different people, only if we take on a heavenly perspective. He sees in much greater depth than we do --- in persons, in events .....

Perhaps it takes time before we find ourselves becoming more compassionate, more tolerant, more loving, and more into His likeness as a good shepherd.

In one of his speeches, our Pope Benedict XVI encourages us that 'in spite of all challenges that come along, we will never lose our refuge. The foundation of the world is love. Keep going on, trust the One who loves us.' We may not feel any affirmation from the Lord. But again, we can trust that if we have done all we can do, God will be pleased with us.

**'Come to me, all who are labored and heavy burdened .....**' (Mt. 11:28)

Let us go back to the Scriptures and begin our day in prayers. Let our desk in the office be an altar, offering our fears, our doubts, our consolations and our love to the Lord.

When we think we can't tackle a challenge which seems too threatening, ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen us and help us. Jesus has all the gears we need. He is ready to climb up the mountain with us --- all the way to the very top.

Be assured of my daily prayers for all of you. May God bless us and may His Holy Spirit fill us with God's encouragement, guidance and love.

With prayerful wishes

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## 家書之四

親愛的同工：

「我賴加強我力量的那位，能應付一切。」（斐 4 :13）

我衷心歡迎在今學年加入我們大家庭的新成員。新學年已經開始了。讓我首先祝願各位將有愉快及豐收的一年。

我認識我的羊，我的羊也認識我；以愛承擔使命，與學生同行。

今年九月初，我與教區學校的校監和校長，在主教座堂參與開學的感恩祭。在充滿挑戰的時刻，出任教區學校領袖的領航人，我深感自己責任的重大。在祈禱中，天主不斷對我說：「我是你天上的導師，我是你的希望和力量。」漸漸地，一份深沉的平安充盈了我的心，明白天主的恩寵常伴隨我人生的每一步，不斷堅強、鼓勵和安慰我。

聆聽主的召叫是一回事，而在當下踐行卻是另一回事。往往在挑戰和困難之中，我們似乎不容易看到主耶穌的身影。其實，耶穌已藉著人、事、物來展示了祂的慈愛、正義和仁慈。

很多時候，耶穌透過聖經來向我們訴說祂的愛與憐憫。祂每天都在眷顧我們。在接觸每一個人，處理每一件事，我們都需要採用耶穌的觀點，因為祂看得比我們深入和透徹。漸漸地，我們可以學到更慈悲、更忍耐、更有愛心，以及更肖似善牧耶穌。

教宗本篤十六世在一次演說中鼓勵我們：「不要在挑戰面前驚慌失措；天主的愛在眷顧著世界，勇敢前行吧！信任愛我們的上主。」

我們可能感受不到上主對自己工作的肯定。但是，我們仍可以滿懷信心：祇要全力以赴，克盡所能，天主一定會欣慰於我們的工作。

「凡勞苦負重擔的，到我這裡來……」（瑪 11 :28）

讓我們常回歸聖言，以祈禱開始每天的工作。讓我們把辦公桌轉化成一個小祭台，向上主奉獻上我們心中的憂慮和迷惘、感受到的安慰和對祂的愛。

每當我們面對巨大如山的困局，感到實在再無路前行時，懇求天主聖神堅強和幫助我們吧！耶穌是大能的主，祂一路伴我們同行，與我們一起攀越每一個高峰。

主內的同工，在每天的祈禱中，我一定會念掛你們。

願天主降福我們，願聖神將天主的鼓勵、指導和愛豐厚地賜給我們。

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