

“We convince through our presence”

Walt Whitman



The shepherd tending his flock

Through prayer we reflect on what encapsulates our presence to others. How are we convincing others by who we are? How are we relating to our students, to each other, to our families, to our loved ones.

Jesus was a shepherd amongst other things. The symbol of being a shepherd is regularly referenced in the bible as Jesus attempts to tend his flock, the people of the world that he encountered. As our Year 12's go out into the world and accept the invitation that life brings to live life to the full, we continue our tending, teaching and supporting of year four to eleven. Each day provides an opportunity for all to engage with others, learning many lessons on the journey.

Simon Sinek suggests “that if we were good at everything, we would not need others.” To achieve learning we need to work together and share our talents and gifts with people we meet. We pray that our presence is one that displays kindness, empathy and understanding as we grow each day. We pray that Christ our shepherd will assist us.

Let us pray,

The Lord is my Shepherd,
I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside still waters;
He restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
For His Name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
For you are with me;
Your rod and Your staff - they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies,
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life.
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
My whole life long.

Blessed Edmund Rice ...Pray for us

Living Jesus in our Hearts ...Forever

Amen.

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