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Blessings to all our dearly beloved Cor-Episcopoi, Priests, Parish Managing Committee members, and all the faithful, especially our dear students,

As the summer ends, it is time for the beginning of a new academic year. After enjoying such a long vacation, it is time to prepare ourselves for learning once again. As schools re-open, we need to be reminded of the responsibility we have as students. The opportunity for education you receive is a privilege, and it is important you make every opportunity to glorify God through your studies.

The prophet Micah prophesized saying:

"He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8).

As you begin a new year, remember to do what is right, seek the grace and mercy of God in all things, and to walk and serve others in humility and love. Practice discipline by remembering to pray and read the Bible before the start of the day, before study, and at the end of the night. This will help you to stay focused and be reminded of the One whom you seek to know and understand.

In the world we live in today, we are surrounded by temptation and worldly pleasures that can easily distract us and cause us to lose focus. Remember, you are called to be a living image of Christ wherever you may be. Be wise in the decisions you make, especially the friends you choose and the places you go. As it is spoke about Jesus in Luke 2:52, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in Years, and in divine and human favor", I hope this year will be a blessed year for all of you to grow in divine wisdom.

We extend our love and prayers to all students for the new academic year. May the blessings and mercies of God Almighty be showered upon us all.

Your Shepherd in Christ

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