



# Student Recognition Ceremony

ENTRANCE

GREETING

**In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.***

**Peace be with you. *And also with you.***

WELCOME \_\_\_\_\_

OPENING PRAYER

**Let us pray.**

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have revealed to the nations your saving power  
and filled all ages with the words of a new song.  
Hear the echo of this hymn  
in the prayer we offer you today  
as we recognize these young leaders,  
who in so many different ways  
are helping to build your kingdom on earth.  
Give to each of us gathered here  
voice to sing your praise,  
today and every day of our lives.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

All are seated

**A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.**

**Now in regard to spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters,**

**I do not want you to be unaware.**

**There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.**

**To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.**

**To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom;**

**to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit;**

**to another faith by the same Spirit;**

**to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit;**

**to another mighty deeds; to another prophecy; to another discernment of spirits;**

**to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues.**

**But one and the same Spirit produces all of these,**

**distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.**

**The word of the Lord.**

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REFLECTIONS

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS** (Since these awards are being given at the local level some specific examples of the service given should be included in the presentation.)

Reader 1:

Today we are proud to recognize students in four categories of leadership: Faith, Academic Achievement, Co-Curricular Participation, and Community Building and Service. Each honoree will be presented with a pin with the Archdiocese of Seattle Catholic Schools logo. The logo is composed of two graphic elements an open book and a dove/flame. The open book symbolizes academic education and an openness to exploration of new ideas. The flame symbolizes the eternal quest for enlightenment and truth through faith and reason. With the addition of a dot for an eye and the upturned beak, this same element is transposed into a dove, the symbol for the Holy Spirit, and for the gifts of the Spirit, especially wisdom and peace.

Would \_\_\_\_\_ please stand? You are being recognized for Leadership in Faith. This shows a demonstration of an explicit knowledge of the Catholic Faith and an awareness of its influence on his or her conduct as a school leader. Leadership in faith can be shown in any area of school life.

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Please accept this pin in recognition of your contributions to the Faith life of our school and parish.

Would \_\_\_\_\_ please stand? You are being recognized for Leadership in Academic Achievement. You have demonstrated excellence in academic achievement and encourage or assisted others to achieve. This pin is awarded for outstanding projects or for marked and consistent improvement in academic performance.

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Would \_\_\_\_\_ please stand? You are being recognized for Leadership in Community Building and Service. You have taken a leadership role in activities that build school community or that serve the local community. You are respected by your peers for the quality of your leadership in

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Would \_\_\_\_\_ please stand? You are being recognized for your participation with distinction in co-curricular activity sponsored by the schools and you encourage others to do so also! Activities that are important to the school's mission are given special consideration for this award.

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#### INTERCESSIONS

Presider:

**On this occasion for joy and thanksgiving,  
let us pray for our needs and the needs of all God's people.**

Reader 1 ( ):

**For the student leaders who were recognized today, that they may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. We pray to the Lord.**

Reader 2 ( ):

**For all students, that the Spirit of God may grant them the gifts of wisdom and understanding. We pray to the Lord.**

Reader 3 ( ):

**For teachers, that they may share their knowledge with enthusiasm, patience, and concern for their students. We pray to the Lord.**

Reader 4 ( ):

**For the leaders of the Church, especially for Benedict, our Pope, and Alex our Bishop, that they may guide the Church to ever greater unity and love. We pray to the Lord.**

Reader 5 ( ):

**For all those who have died, that they may know eternal light, rest, and peace with Jesus Christ. We pray to the Lord.**

Reader 6 ( ):

**For all young people, especially those gathered here today, that we may be filled with the Spirit of wonder and awe in God's presence. We pray to the Lord.**

Presider:

**Let us make our prayers and praise complete  
by offering the prayer that Jesus taught us. Our Father....**

CONCLUDING PRAYER follows immediately after the Lord's Prayer

**Let us pray.**

**Loving God,**

**we thank you and we praise you  
for your many blessings to us.**

**As we honor these young people today,  
help us to learn from their example  
about how to grow in hope.**

**Help us to know and be faithful to the vocation  
you have given to each one of us.**

**May we find new life each day  
and enter into the joy of your kingdom.**

**We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. *Amen***

BLESSING:

**May the Lord bless you and keep you.**

**May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.**

**May the Lord look upon you with kindness and give you peace.**

**And may Almighty God bless each one of us,  
who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Amen.***

**Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord. *Thanks be to God!***