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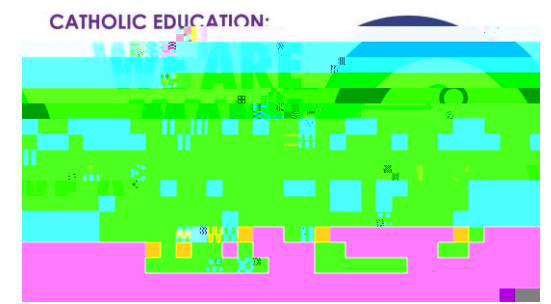
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# Opening Prayer



## A reading from the book of Sirach.

Stand in the company of the elders: Who is wise?  
Attach yourself to such a one.

Be ready to listen to every godly discourse,  
And let no wise proverbs escape you.

If you see an intelligent person, rise early to visit him;  
Let your foot wear out his door.

Reflect on the statutes of the Lord,  
and meditate at all times on his commandments.

It is he who will give insight to your mind, and  
your desire for wisdom will be satisfied.





“The Book of Sirach is unique in the Jewish Scriptures because it clearly identifies its author: Jesus Ben Sira, a wise teacher who lived early in the second century BCE. Living in Jerusalem during a time of great change, he saw many of his people especially those who were rich - deserting traditional Jewish beliefs in favour of more fashionable ideas coming from Greece.” The Catholic Youth Bible - NRSV Catholic Education

1. *Do you think we live in a time of great change in 2023?*
2. *How do you see people around you deserting traditional Christian beliefs in favour of the more fashionable secular values?*
3. *Do you think Sirach’s solution to the problem would work leaders in Catholic Education?*



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*How much do you reflect on your praxis as a Catholic leader in education?*

*Does your reflection provide you with awareness of how you can improve your practice?*







Gracious God, inspire us to gather wisdom from holy mentors, saints and children.

We want to serve you and the Gospel with all our hearts, minds and spirits. Remind us to reflect regularly on Scripture and tradition so we can build our Catholic learning community of joy, peace and gratitude.

Amen. +

