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## Rector's Message

The aim of our School is "the pursuit of excellence". Oftentimes, we wonder what the word 'excellence' really means. The dictionary defines the word "excellence" as the "quality of being extremely good." That is a tall order, indeed, but it is achievable. Nothing is too hard if we put our heart and soul into it.

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is not an act but a habit," said Aristotle.

Dear students, remember what our former President, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam said, 'Learning gives creativity; creativity leads to thinking.

'Thinking provides knowledge. Knowledge makes you great. If you want to leave your footprints on the sands of time, do not drag your feet.

'If you plant honesty, you will reap trust. If you plant humility you will reap greatness. If you plant perseverance you will reap contentment.' This is life. It gives back what you give to it.

Tomorrow belongs to you, dear boys. I wish you all, the students, teachers and parents, God's blessing and success in all that you do.



**Fr Pappuraj Antony, sdb**  
Rector & Correspondent



## Principal's Message

**"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." - Aristotle**

We have journeyed through the Road of Educating our children thus far. A term has gone by and it gives me great joy to congratulate the management, staff, parents, past pupils and students for their tremendous effort and keen interest they have taken to follow the line in the field of educating the heart and mind of our children.

'The School is a second home.' This statement is very true as our children spend most of their time at school with the teachers and classmates. Our school aims at giving holistic formation to our students. This is our very essence and motto. All of us walk hand in hand for the growth and formation of the young minds entrusted to our care.

Parents, being one of the stakeholders in the growth of the institution, play a very vital role in the world of education. Parents are considered the next teachers. The best contribution that a parent can ever give to his ward is quality time. "To be in your child's memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today." Parents are the closest and are willing to sacrifice what they have without expecting any compensation.

No matter how old we are, parents always have valuable experiences to share with us.

Today, the young generation have the latest gadgets such as smartphones, ipods, ipads, Tablets, etc. Consequently, they get entangled with the network world such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and the list can go on. This generation's lifestyle is like a spreading wildfire and it can be controlled only by the parents. Our children look forward to the warmth, tender love, care, patience and tolerance-and I believe that our children should not be deprived of these.

Keeping in mind, the need of the hour - "quality time with our children", let us march ahead in guiding and leading them to a better future - a future that lies like a sheet of hidden snow. The way we talk and spend time with our children becomes their inner voice.

Wishing each and every one all of God's blessings for a fruitful term. May every dream and effort of ours be blessed with success for the greater glory of God. God bless **St. Mary's, our school, our home.**

**Parents are the best teachers for their children, because they know and love their children better than anyone else. - Glenn Doman**

**- Fr Francis Sundararaj, sdb**  
Principal