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**PRAYER OF A
CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR (4)**

(1: 16-9-C-63; 2: 17-13-C-73; 3: 18-15-C-79)

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MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL

Lord,
You gave your Church
apostles, prophets and Doctors;
and you have chosen us
to be ministers of the Gospel.

Holy Spirit,
enlighten each of us
that we may be worthy instruments
of your grace.

You entrust to us, Lord,
the teaching of your Gospel to children;
give us also the generosity and eagerness
to dedicate ourselves to their salvation.

We are your ministers
when we work with charity and enthusiasm
at the task of instruction and education.

Thank You, Lord,
for entrusting children and youth to our care;
and give us the courage to face, for Your sake,
all the difficulties which may arise..

You, Lord,
send us to work in Your vineyard,
we are here with willing hearts.

We are Ambassadors of Christ and His Church,
in His name we bear Good News.
You, Lord,
through Your Holy Spirit
dictate the words we write
in the hearts of children and youth.

Jesus, as you were dying on the cross for us all,
so that we might live in You,
You willed that we be Your ambassadors,
teaching what it means to love God
and to seek only His glory.

Lord, Jesus,
You are the cornerstone
on which Your Church is built.
We are that Church
whose mission is to sanctify itself
and we humbly ask for an ardent zeal
for Your glory, that so it may be.

Thank You, Lord,
for this gift of ministry through education;
help us to love children and youth,
and to bring them the grace to follow You.

Lord,
You so loved the world
that You sent Your Son to save us.
That same mission is the one you give to us:
to walk with our students on the Way to You.
Fill us with love and generosity, Lord,
as we go along together.

Jesus, Good Shepherd,
always careful of those who are Yours,
we, too, are pastors of your children and youth:
help us enjoy the good pastures
of Your Gospel.

May we spend our lives
bringing the life of God to our students.
We want only to educate in Christ,
so that the life of Christ
may radiate in children and youth.

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MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT

Lord, You sent us Your Son
to redeem us from sin
that we might live the life of grace.

Catholic schools
and we Catholic teachers
try to guide and encourage
our students
to do good and avoid evil.
«Zeal for your glory, Lord,
consumes me because the sons of Israel
have broken their Covenant with You».

We seek, Lord,
only the best for children and youth:
that their baptismal Covenant with you
be not violated
by lying, stealing, impurity,
hate, disobedience...
We want them to embrace willingly
their dignity of sons of God
by charity, prayer, joy...

Your Gospel, Lord,
identifies the path along which
we must lead our students:

- To love God above all.
- To love our neighbor as ourselves.
- To do good, even to our enemies.
- To live in sincerity and truth.
- To strive for the values of the Kingdom.
- To pray always, with piety and faith.
- To love God more than the riches of this world.

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Teach us, Lord,
to live according to Your word
to pass on Your maxims and purpose of life
with enthusiasm and consistency
to children and youth.
because You, Lord, alone
move hearts enlightened by truth.

We wish to follow your example,
because we know
that witnesses are more convincing
than teachers.
The ideal is to be both witness and teacher:
make us like unto Yourself!

Young people identify with and imitate
their educators, their teachers.
Lord, make us
into good Christian teachers,
witnesses to the God You are
before the students we teach,
so that they may come to know You
and love You,
Our Lord and our God.

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TO GUIDE AND ENCOURAGE

Lord Jesus,
zeal for the glory of the Father
made you cast from the Temple
the merchants and money changers;
Teach us to correct our students
with firmness and love
when they stray.

Hypocrisy and pride in the Pharisees
brought You to confront them
personally and publicly
so that they might be converted.

Lord,
children are weak
and inclined to act without thinking.
Inspire us with the right approach
to help them think
and consider the consequences
of when to act and how to act.
We need love when we encourage them
and more love when we correct them.

Our inclination
is to give in to our passions
and this is more true of youth.
We must support them
by word and example
by motivating and correcting.
Good and bad habits
acquired during these years
can best be changed during these years;
in adults they become habits.

We want to be Christian teachers;
we want to teach in Catholic schools;
we want students to have
the freedom of the sons of God
which You won for them
Lord Jesus, by Your death.
You have chosen us for this apostolate,
a ministry of education.
Grant us the gentleness, patience and prudence
we will need
when we must reprimand or punish.

We hold the place of parents
as we teach and educate for their souls.
Lord, we commit ourselves
to show them the right path
and to bring them back should they stray.

You have made us, Lord,
the guides and keepers of children.
We offer our lives
in the ministry of education.
Confirm, O Lord, the work of Your hands.

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