

Farewell Message:

Respected Vice Principals, Teachers, Students and My Dear Class XII,

It is my immense joy to stand before you today to say a big thank you and wish you all the very best for your forthcoming examination. I say thank you because you were the inspiration and the joy to the school as well as to the entire staff.

Today we feel proud of you, we have seen you falling, growing, fighting, struggling, and learning. We have also seen you hiding (toilet, big field) but above all very specially today we see you graduating. Graduating from St. Xavier's School and ready to enter into the next step of your life.

The girls are looking so pretty and boys of course handsome. The entire school was fully involved in helping you to grow, to grow intellectually, physically, and emotionally. Therefore, as you are passing out from one stage of your life and entering into another, always remember we are born empty-handed and will die and go empty-handed. Therefore, learn to share; share your intelligence, knowledge, wisdom, earnings, don't lock it up with you alone, if God is so gracious to you never hesitate to share with others, help others who need your help, take initiatives, if you realize that the person needs for your help, go for it without gain. Stand always for faith and justice.

May I also request you to be generous and kind to the poor. Tomorrow or day after tomorrow you will be rich and wealthy, you will have more than enough, why should you waste that wealth locked up in various banks? Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? "God loves a cheerful giver." You have received and now learn to give.

Give so that the measure you give the measure you receive. I quote from the Bible "Give and it will be given to you in good measure, pressed down and overflowing, they shall cast into your lap. For with what measure you measure it will be measured to you."

A rich man came to Jesus and asked him what shall I do to inherit the kingdom of God? Jesus said, "go sell all that what you have and give to the poor and follow me."

Therefore, today as you are graduating and moving one step ahead remember what St. Xavier's School has taught you in the last 13 years of your life here. Your attitude, generosity, dedication, commitment, and compassion matters.

"For what profits a man if he gains the whole world but loses his own soul." Degrees are just a piece of paper but your manners, behaviours and attitudes are everything. People will remember your kindness and generosity not your degrees.

Therefore, Trust in God, and you will witness miracles in your life. Help yourself to be the temple of God. Let God be in you so that your real prettiness and handsomeness will be reflected in and through your life.

Once again on behalf of the entire Xavierian family I wish you all the best and God bless you all.

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