

*Teacher's Day Message:*

*My dear Teachers, Office Staff and Students,*

Wish you "A Very Happy Teachers' Day"—showers of blessings upon you. I feel privileged to stand in front of you today to acknowledge your contribution, struggles, compliments, hard work, and commitments to the school, to the students, to the society, and of course, you play a significant role to build the nation.

I must also thank and appreciate you for creating **such a positive vibration in the school as well as a friendly and homely atmosphere**. From the time I joined St. Xavier's in 2018, I have been experiencing the Jesuit legacy being carried forward through your selfless and committed service. Jesuit education is meant for *Cura Personalis* (caring for each and every individual, our teachers accompany you my dear students and care for you), forming and educating the agents of change (my dear teachers you are the source of wisdom to our students, helping them to grow not only intellectually, emotionally but also to nurture their talents), unity of mind, heart and souls (disciplining oneself is one of the greatest virtues; the one who learns to handle all these three, knows and understands himself in a mature way), women and men for and with others (my dear teachers you help building up the children to think not only for themselves but also for others), finding God in all things (we belong to the different religion but you are the one helping your students to find and realize God's presence and beauty in each and every creation of God and the things what they learn and do), and above all we believe in *Magis* (you are the guiding force to your students not limiting themselves to one thing but always marching forward to quench their thirst for wisdom and knowledge). And the spirit of the *MAGIS* was truly witnessed in the last two years during the pandemic time. Obviously, it was a tough time. But it was being observed in you a lot of hard work, adaptation, transformation, eagerness to learn, ready to change according to the emerging situation to keep up the teaching and learning process going smoothly and actively.

Asto Ma Sadgamaya means: Free us Lord from the untruth and lead us to the light.

Tamaso Ma Jyotirgamaya is: Free us lord from ignorance and lead us to the light.

Mrityor Ma Amritangamaya stands for: Free us Lord from death and lead us to life.

The basic essence of this mantra is to transcend from *Asat* (un-truth) to *Sat* (truth). It means that the reality around us has to be looked at from a much more holistic view. And you, teachers, become the channel of peace, light, truth, and freedom. Our teachers tirelessly helping you my dear students to free you from the darkness of Untruth, ignorance, and death. Your parents gave you life (birth) but teachers help form your personality, your attitude. They become the light, and help you to search for truth. St. Ignatius, the founder of the Society of Jesus challenged St. Francis Xavier saying "If you win the entire world and lose your soul then what do you gain, nothing."

गुरुर्ब्रह्मा गुरुर्विष्णुः गुरुर्देवो महेश्वरः ।

गुरुः साक्षात् परं ब्रह्म तस्मै श्री गुरवे नमः ॥

Guru is the Creator (Bramha), Guru is the Preserver (Vishnu), Guru Deva is Destroyer (Maheshwar)

Guru is absolute (singular) the Lord.

Therefore, my dear students today is the day to acknowledge, thank and show our gratitude to our beloved teachers. Remember the school is your second home where the teachers are your

immediate guide, mentor, friend, philosopher, counsellors, role models, coaches, etc. They allow and help you to find your real self. As you rise every morning you should be motivating yourself by saying I am the best, I can do it, God is always with me, I am a winner and today is my day.

Dr. Abdul Kalam very rightly says:

“Dream is not what you see in sleep, dream is something which does not let you sleep”

May now, I request all of you to stand up please wherever you are and salute our teachers by saying “Thank you Teachers, and wish you a very happy Teachers’ Day”

Thank you and God Bless you

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