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If the school is still on break on the actual feast, this prayer can be used at the first school gathering after break. It can be used with students, faculty or other groups in the school community.

PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY

Sunday the Church celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany. This feast commemorates the visit of the Magi who brought gifts to Jesus whom they found by following the light of the star.

As a Holy Child school, it is significant for us to pause to remember and celebrate this feast because it was an important feast for Cornelia Connelly and it continues to hold special meaning to the members of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus today.

Each year, the sisters of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus renew their religious vows on the feast of the Epiphany.

Cornelia also started the tradition of all sisters making a three day retreat for the feast of the Epiphany. She called it “our dear retreat”.

Each year Cornelia would write a special Epiphany letter to the sisters offering some words of inspiration for the new year in the spirit of the Holy Child.

In 1854, Cornelia wrote in her Epiphany letter, *Let all be diligent in giving proofs of love this year.....and thus may you be blessed in your actions.*

Each of us can take these words of advice from Cornelia to heart as well.

Please stand for our prayer:

Let us pray....

(lead sign of the cross)

O God, source of all good, you constantly broke into our history calling us to love, peace and justice. Your Word made flesh in Jesus is a new call and a new beginning. Renew in us this vision and our fidelity to Jesus who is the way.

In the spirit of these words of Cornelia, let us pray together....

Let us pray together....

Let Us Love One another and pray... (all join in)

Let us love one another and pray;

Let us love one another and be faithful;

Let us love one another and be humble,

**be filled with the charity of God;
Let us love one another with God, in God, and for God;
And we shall thus be one with Him for
all eternity. Amen**

**Glory be to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask
or imagine. (Ephesians 3:20)**

Sign of the Cross

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