

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



The theme of the academic session 2019-20, "EXCEL WITH DIGNITY" created awareness that each of us must be concerned about the human dignity for all while we strive to excel. This has surely made an impact of soul searching in the Raphaelites in our journey towards Transformation and Change especially within our young students. The theme was alive in the Morning Assembly Reflections, in the Value Education Classes, Guidance / Counseling Sessions and in our Celebrations / Events especially the Mega Carnival Event, "RAPHIESTA 2019".

At the outset, I would state, without any hesitation, that every human being by nature and by birth holds within this dignity. It is Creator's Gift to everyone. This is stated very emphatically in the opening chapter of

the Holy Bible, God said, "let us create man in our image, to our likeness'So God created man in His image; in the image of God he created him...." Genesis chapter 1. Every human person is dignified irrespective of all human-made differences of caste, creed, language, colour, sex, religion, nationality and family. Thus, we need to believe that each of us has infinite worth and potentiality. The awareness of our capacity to excel helps us to bring about all that is endowed in us. Another key to realize our infinite potentiality is by becoming aware that the other also has the ability to excel.

Having said this, I am aware of the reality where people tend to believe that one is inadequate in oneself, and thus focuses on what is lacking rather than what is eminent. Hence, we fail to comprehend that we are enough and we matter. This kind of a negative philosophy of life comes to existence and gets strengthened by the Comparing, Competing and Climbing over behavior patterns. In our race for excelling in Academics, Business, or in Professional life, we may be undergoing this unhealthy process which needs correction. Yet another aspect that requires our attention is that we are often mistaken by the thought that excelling in itself is Dignity.

In the race for excelling, we must have the authenticity and the honesty in ourselves and not to compromise ethical, spiritual and moral values. Today in our country, many a time, we feel and tend to believe that we can subjugate the other by way of excelling and thus dignity gets compromised. It is in this context, that the theme of the school year "Excel with Dignity" emerged in our minds and gave rise to a truly educative process in the school. I congratulate the students, faculty and non-teaching staff and the team of sisters in the management, who made it prominent in the programs of the school.

As I pen this message, I wish to reiterate that all are born with dignity and we must Excel with Dignity. We have immense potential and so, we must nurture the belief that we are enough and we matter. While we strive hard to excel, let us not compromise AUTHENTICITY and HONESTY.

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