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Dear Principal,

**Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Thursday 30th May to Friday 7th June**

I want to encourage you to invite the school community to take part in our diocesan novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the renewal of our hearts. I know that many parish groups and others are using this as an opportunity to invite people back to prayer.

The Novena is built around some beautiful prayers that are meant to build our trust and confidence in God's love for us. There is great power in repeating them every day for nine days. Please do what you can to share the concept with your school community.

We are making the novena prayers available in a simple format which could be used with the children. It might be particularly useful to get the P7s to do the novena prayers both in class and at home over the weekend, focussing on the change that is ahead of them as they move on from primary school in a few weeks.

You might offer parents a link to the novena prayers on the school's social media platforms – and send them a reminder each day!?

Please find attached:

PDF Novena Prayers

Jpegs of the Novena Prayers

PDF Novena Book

I hope you and the school community take the opportunity to unite in prayer for a time of renewal of hearts within our diocese.

Peace.

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