

High school seniors reinterpreted Mater from their Art and Christian Social Formation classes.



Every person has something in common that is vital for all of us, a mother. A mother is the pillar of our life. She is the first to sustain us, to feed us, to care for us; a mother gives her life to give us ours, teaching us the right path to follow and holding our hand as we walk it, through its adversities, through its obstacles and, of course, through all the wonderful things it has to offer. But one of the most important things is that a mother's love is completely unconditional, sincere, deep and eternal, a mother's love forgives and heals; a mother's love accompanies us throughout our lives, marks us and impacts us forever. A mother is there for us whenever we need her and Mater, our admirable mother, is no exception; empathetic, tender, sensitive, brave and strong; she takes care of us and accompanies us throughout our lives.

At school, we are always accompanied not only by our own mothers, but by our common mother, the mother of Jesus. From the moment we set foot in the school, from the moment we enter a new school year, no matter where we come from or what we look like, the Blessed Mother welcomes us in her arms and sees us as her children, giving us her hand and guiding us to make our hearts like His; to heal, forgive and help others, to include all people as if we were brothers and sisters, to be just and to feel welcome in a community, no matter what our differences are.

Having entered Sacred Heart School eight years ago, I was given the opportunity to meet the Blessed Mother, to pray and to offer her my life, my feelings and my thoughts. Mater invites us to follow her example, an example of strength, surrender, serenity, perseverance, empathy and service to others, to our community and to ourselves; today, on this day of Mater, we celebrate and honor her life and what she did for us. May her white lilies inspire us to be honest and transparent, may her spindle inspire us to keep working hard and persist in the face of adversity to create a better world, may her book inspire us to pray and be grateful for what we have, may her gaze full of tenderness inspire us to reflect and change how we see others, may the stars around her head inspire us to be unique, and may the open doors inspire us to have an open heart that is willing to love and receive.

I, as a daughter of the Blessed Mother, am grateful for her love, understanding and teachings, because I am certain that when I feel sad and alone, my Mother is there for me, to listen to me, as she is for you. Letter to Mater by Regina Justel.

