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Dear Immac community,

One of the best things about our school community is our faith. Not only does our faith support us individually, but it also connects us to each other as a faith-based community. Through the grace of God, we are able to intercede for the spiritual and physical well-being of others through prayers.

Today, I am reaching out for prayer support. This week I learned that no less than three movers and shakers in the Catholic school system across our province are seriously ill; two within our own diocese.

Please pray for Mrs. Dinah Bepple a diocesan administrator who works in the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Dinah holds a key position in supporting administrative aspects of our Catholic schools and the diocese in general. Dinah has a wealth of knowledge and is a key support to Catholic school administrators. Dinah has been diagnosed with throat cancer.

The Catholic community is also being asked to pray for Rick Sinotte (husband of Cece Sinotte). Cece, whom many of you will know, has been active in the Diocese of Nelson for 30 plus years. Cece's husband, Rick, is quite ill and has been admitted to Kelowna General Hospital. Though I do not know the specifics of his illness at this time, I have been informed that his illness is serious and that he is in need of prayers. Please pray for Rick and in the Sinotte family.

Finally, our Catholic community is being asked to pray from Gwen Jahelka, Chancellor of the Vancouver Island diocese. Gwen has been a mover and shaker in Catholic education for a long time. Gwen has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer.

The above families are asking for prayers and in particular for the intercession of **Blessed Michael McGivney** (the founder of the Knights of Columbus), the intercession of **St. Blaise**, the Patron saint of throats and injuries to the throat, and **St. Peregrine**, the Patron saint of patients with cancer. Please take a moment and recite the following intercessory prayers for our friends in colleagues who have been and continue to be leaders in Catholic education in British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Mr. Plaxton