



A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah:

*Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention you peoples from far away. The Lord called me before I was born. While I was in my mother's womb God named me. The Lord made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of God's hand the Lord hid me. God made me a polished arrow; in God's quiver the Lord hid me away. And the Lord said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."*

*And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be God's servant, to bring Jacob back, that Israel might be gathered together; for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength – the Lord says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."*

*The word of the Lord.*

Let us pray:

*Lord God you have made us and formed us in your image and likeness. You have called each of us by name to serve you and your people through the gift of Catholic education. Guide the work we do; bless us and the Catholic educational community with whom we are engaged in this sacred journey of learning. May Jesus the teacher inspire the work of our hands, and keep us ever mindful that all those involved in Catholic education are working to bring about the reign of God on earth. We ask this through Mary, the first teacher of Jesus.*

*Amen*