

## PBST Greetings on the Feast of the Presentation of

### Our Lady in the Temple

‘Sé do bheatha, a Mhuire!! As Presentation Day falls this year on Sunday, most of our schools will be celebrating ‘**Pres Day**’ today and, indeed, throughout the week. We therefore send greetings today to the students, teachers, SNAs, non-teaching staff, past-pupils, parents and Board of Management members that make up our school communities. On this special day, we acknowledge the wonderful work inspired by the gospel of Jesus Christ and the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice that is carried out every day in our schools. We particularly thank our chaplains, teachers of religion and other volunteer teachers and ancillary staff who do so much in these most challenging of times to ensure that the values of our Charter are brought to life in our schools.

We also send greetings to our own Directors and Members and to all who make up the wider Presentation Family through their involvement with the *LEAF project, Edmund Rice Action Camps, SHARE, Preslink, Lux Edmundi, CLEO, Associates and Friends*. Most especially, we send greetings to all members of the *Presentation Brothers and Presentation Sisters* congregation both here in Ireland and all over the world as they celebrate what is a very special day in their calendar. Go mbeannaí Dia sibh uilig.



#### About today's feast day:

The Feast of the Presentation of Mary is celebrated in both the Eastern and Western Churches. It recalls the day in the life of the Jewish girl named Mary (Maryam) when her parents, Joachim and Anne, presented her to the Lord in the temple and dedicated her life to Him.

*On this Feast of the Presentation of Mary, let us make the choice to present ourselves to the same Lord. That is how we can bring this Feast to life in our own age and continue to participate in God's plan for the whole human race.*

#### A Prayer for Presentation Day

Almighty and ever-living God, today we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose life brings hope and inspiration to each of us. Her presentation in the temple at Jerusalem reveals her as a temple where God truly lives among us. May Mary's example give us the strength to radiate that hope and inspiration in our schools and in our lives, and help each of us to be dwelling places of God's joyful presence on earth.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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Chairperson      CEO

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