

Good morning Bishop Justice, Father Casey, distinguished representatives, Dr. Colville, teachers, staff, alumni, parishioners, parents, and fellow knights,

My name is Victoria and I am an 8th grade student here at St. Dunstan. It is my privilege to stand in front of you today at our school's 60th anniversary mass. When I was asked to give a short speech about my 9 years experience as a St. Dunstan student, I was excited, but then I realized that I only have few minutes to deliver it. I started thinking that it wouldn't be enough time to tell you about my experience in detail. But, I will try my best to summarize it.

So let me get started. I would like to use some words that represent what I feel about St. Dunstan school:

The first word that came across my mind was: SPIRITUALLY NURTURING. All students here are guided religiously to grow in their faith and belief.

The second word would be SAFE. I always feel safe at school. I know that all of the school staff cares about me and will prioritize the safety of all students. That makes me feel so comfortable at school.

The third word is KIND. We are taught and expected to be kind and respectful to others. We are encouraged to always help others in school and in the community.

The fourth word would be OPPORTUNITY. St. Dunstan provides many opportunities for students who have different interests and various talents. Our school offers many sport programs to all students; music class after school; foreign language: Spanish is part of our curriculum and Mandarin is an after school program.

Last, but not least is SUPPORTIVE. Based on my personal experience, the teachers at St. Dunstan are very supportive of the students' endeavors.

My experience here didn't start when I was in Kindergarten. It started earlier than that. My mom always took me to pick up my brother, who is 2 years older than me, from school.

Two years later, I started my journey at St. Dunstan as a Kindergartner. Now I am in my last year.

During the 11 years my family has been part of the school, not only has St. Dunstan provided an education, but also it has provided many great friends who become close family friends and who are reliable and helpful.

I believe that the 9 years here has established my character as an individual. St. Dunstan not only prepares me academically, but also spiritually and socially.

Thank you, St. Dunstan for a great 9 years. Happy 60<sup>th</sup> birthday! We wish you many more blessed years abundant with fortunate students who can enjoy your nourishing environment.

Thank you.