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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Greetings from Archbishop, Archdiocese of Pondicherry - Cuddalore!

It is necessary to seek the kind of wisdom revealed in the Gospel: the wisdom of serving instead of being served (James 3:13), the wisdom to use one's talent (Mathew 25:23), the wisdom to forgive and reconcile (Mathew 18:22). With this call to communicate wisdom, I greet the Secretary, Principal, Staff and Students and families of staff and Students.

In the present atmosphere of uncertainty, technological advancement, war and unrest we need to seek wisdom and communicate wisdom to all people especially to the younger generation to create a better world for the future generations.

St. Joseph's College has its roots as St. Joseph High School. It was founded by the venerable Fathers of the Foreign Mission Society Paris (Mission Etrangere de Paris) in 1868. It was granted the status of a college in 1884. However, it became a school once again. It was reborn in 1991 as St. Joseph's College of Arts and Science. Today, the college has reached new heights with Autonomous status and re-accreditation by NAAC with 'A' grade. Throughout its journey, the college has been exemplary in its teaching, research, and extension activities. This has been recently confirmed by the award of the mentor role by the UGC through the PARAMARSH scheme. I firmly believe that the institution is on its path to excellence and eminence in its service to the nation and to the region.

As an institution run by the Catholic Church, it has focused on providing education and training for the upliftment of the poor and disadvantaged. It has been built by the sacrifices, dedication and the hard work of the priests and lay people of the Archdiocese of Pondicherry- Cuddalore, with their selfless love for the society.

With these words, I invite all members of the St. Joseph's family to endeavor to build not merely a knowledgeable society but a society that is wise to serve; wise to use its abilities and wise to reconcile the brokenness in the world.

God bless you!

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