**Holy Rosary Prayer Service for Diversity Day 2015**

1. **Introduction –** “Being Different is Beautiful”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJ1ygFknjYo>

1. **Opening Prayer** **-** Let us pray. God of all nations and Creator of all people, we come together today to celebrate our diversity, our differences. Help us to recognize our differences as a gift to be cherished and help us to live together in peace and harmony. As our world is one, so our future is one. Make us one body in Christ Jesus, and fill us with the joy of your Holy Spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
2. **Reading -** A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians:

12The body of Christ has many different parts, just as any other body does. 13Some of us are Jews, and others are Gentiles. Some of us are slaves, and others are free. God’s Spirit baptized each of us and made us part of the body of Christ. Now we each drink from that same Spirit.

14Our bodies don’t have just one part. They have many parts. If a foot says, “I’m not a hand, and so I’m not part of the body.” Wouldn’t the foot still belong to the body? Suppose an ear says, “I’m not an eye, and so I’m not part of the body.” Wouldn’t the ear still belong to the body? 17If our bodies were only an eye, we couldn’t hear a thing. And if they were only an ear, we couldn’t smell a thing. 18But God has put all parts of our body together in the way that he decided is best.

19A body isn’t really a body, unless there is more than one part. 20It takes many parts to make a single body. 21That’s why the eyes cannot say they don’t need the hands. That’s also why the head cannot say it doesn’t need the feet. 22In fact, we cannot get along without the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest. 23We take special care to dress up some parts of our bodies. We are modest about our personal parts, 24but we don’t have to be modest about other parts.

God put our bodies together in such a way that even the parts that seem the least important are valuable. 25He did this to make all parts of the body work together smoothly, with each part caring about the others. 26If one part of our body hurts, we hurt all over. If one part of our body is honored, the whole body will be happy.

27Together you are the body of Christ. Each one of you is part of his body. 28First, God chose some people to be apostles and prophets and teachers for the church. But he also chose some to work miracles or heal the sick or help others or be leaders or speak different kinds of languages. 29Not everyone is an apostle. Not everyone is a prophet. Not everyone is a teacher. Not everyone can work miracles. 30Not everyone can heal the sick. Not everyone can speak different kinds of languages. Not everyone can tell what these languages mean. 31I want you to desire the best gifts. So I will show you a much better way.

The Word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

1. **Rainbow PowerPoint Story**
2. **Prayers of the Faithful –** God with us, strengthen our diverse school community to be one in mind and heart, as we offer our prayers to You. The response is:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

May we appreciate and value the wonder of ourselves. We are unique, talent creations of God’s hands, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us to use words that are kind and gentle to everyone we see each day; not just our friends, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us to put aside our differences peacefully to work out our problems, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us to share our goods with people in need, and our faith with people in need of light and peace, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us remember all those in our churches who work hard among us as leaders in the Lord. Bless and strengthen them, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

As Holy Rosary School celebrates its 100th Anniversary, may it continue to be a place where together, we work joyfully to build God’s kingdom here and now, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. **Closing Prayer -** Dear Loving Lord, Creator of all,

You created us all in your own image,

One image - many colours,

One image - many cultures

One image-many churches.

You made us come together like a rainbow,

Separate parts but coming together in one creation.

We ask you, Loving God,

To help us see the beauty you have created in each and every one of us,

To help us understand our differences and grow in love for each other

And to help us come together as the rainbow comes together,

Many colours, shining as one creation over all the earth

As you intended us to be. Amen.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  Amen.

1. **Closing Song -** “We Are the Children”
2. Prayers of the Faithful (Danielle)
3. Closing Prayer (Marcie)
4. Closing Song (We Are the Children)