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My dear Students,

In October we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. While it is nice to set aside one special day of thanks, we need to be thankful every day for the many gifts and blessings we receive from God.

What should we be thankful for? First of all, we were given the gift of life - the chance to be a person and the chance to serve God and others. We are given the gift of family; while there might be times when we think that our brother or sister is far from being a gift, we know that we have the love and support of people who care for us. We are thankful for our homes and the chance to have an education - especially an education in our wonderful Catholic schools. It is important that we appreciate all that we are given and that we share our gifts with those who need our help.

We refer to Holy Mass as The Eucharist. The meaning of the word eucharist is "thanksgiving". Every time we come to Mass we are thanking God for all that we have and all that we are. Through the Mass, Jesus remains with us and through prayer, we remain close to Jesus. May you and your families make every effort to attend Mass as often as possible.

As pastor of St Thomas More, I pray for each of you to accept God's guidance in your daily life. Pray often and make every day Thanksgiving Day.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. M. Boyton".

Father Mitch

"I die the king's good servant, but God's first."

—St. Thomas More