

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Blessings

A NOVENA OF MASSES  
FOR YOUTH, TEACHERS, AND FAMILIES

DREAM BIG,  
WORK HARD,  
MAKE IT  
happen.

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength"  
– Philippians 4:13

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A novena of masses for Back to School  
will be celebrated for your intentions  
by Reverend Father Cyprian Ocen p'Akec  
beginning on August 28th, the Feast of St. Augustine.

Dear Lord,

As our students begin a new school year,  
I pray that you will keep them in your care.

Send your Spirit to open their minds  
to all that is true and beautiful and good

Help them to see the gifts and talents  
you have given them and to use them well.  
Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Help them to be kind to others  
and lead others to be kind to them.  
Give their teachers patience and understanding  
and help them teach what is just and true.

Send your angels to guide and guard our  
children and to keep them from all harm.  
Open their young hearts to your presence  
and enfold them in your peace and protection.

Hold them in the palm of your hand  
and bring them home safely at day's end.

Amen.