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“With Mary, Mother of Trust, at the Beginning of the School Year”

1. Introduction

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, the prayer that has accompanied the Founders and the entire Cavanis tradition. Father Anthony and Father Mark encouraged people to turn to Her frequently as guide and protector, and they reminded us that every educational work begins with a caring gaze, like hers. “*Mary is the first educator: she teaches us to believe, to hope, and to love.*”

(Father Giuseppe Leonardi, Notes on the Cavanis Charism, 1987)

The school year has just begun: families, students, teachers, and educational communities are embarking on a new journey. Mary accompanies us discreetly, as she always does, but her accompaniment is a vigilant and constant presence, supporting and encouraging all those who entrust themselves to her.



Ave Maria nel collegio Cavanis a Possagno.

Our Lady of Protection, in the Cavanis College in Possagno

«Among the numerous religious statues, some of considerable size, a few appear particularly worthy of attention. Among these is the marble statue of the Virgin, set within a niche with a gilded background in the courtyard of the “Collegio Canova” in Possagno. The gentle turn of her body, the graceful ease with which her mantle falls, the delicate arrangement of its folds, her slightly lowered countenance, and the open gesture of her arms and hands give vivid expression to her tender, protective presence, which seems to enfold the carefree recreation of the young people beneath her maternal care»

2. Gospel of the Day: Mt 18: 1 - 5, 10

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven.

3. Reflection

On the feast of the Holy Guardian Angels, the Gospel reminds us that every person is precious in the eyes of God, especially the little ones, the vulnerable, and young people who are searching for their path.

At the beginning of the school year, this Gospel becomes an invitation: to welcome every young person with respect, to recognize their dignity, to watch over them and support them as they grow, caring for them as a gift.

This is also the path indicated in recent Cavanis reflections on human solidarity and responsible freedom, in which the person is always at the center.

Mary, Mother of Protection, as she was represented in the courtyard of the “Collegio Canova” by the sculptor Francesco Sartor, a former student and beloved nephew of Pope St. Pius X, teaches us this attentiveness: her gaze does not judge; she watches over young people from above and never abandons them.

To her we entrust our children and youth who have begun a new school year, so that for them and for all educators she may be: a presence that protects, a gaze that comforts, a gesture that accompanies, and a heart that listens.

4. Cavanis Prayer – October 2026

Beloved mother Mary, do not look at our unworthiness,
but rather on your most gentle maternal love,
and implore for us the great grace to see our devout Congregation grow up with renewed strength,
to the greater glory of God and the salvation of many helpless young people.

5. With Our Prayer Intentions

October 2 reminds us that every young person is accompanied by an angel, and that Mary watches over every journey. At the beginning of the school year, we entrust ourselves to her:

- **For the school year that has just begun**, that students may grow in the wisdom of the heart, teachers may be supported in their educational mission, families may live this new journey with trust, and educational communities may be places of welcome and hope.
- **For the family**, the first school of life and faith, that it may know how to safeguard relationships, educate toward responsibility, and support young people in their choices.
- **For Cavanis educators, religious and lay**, that they may live the Charism with joy, faithful to the tradition of the Founding Fathers and open to the challenges of our time.
- **For freedom**, that every young person may grow in responsibility, learn to discern what is good, and contribute generously to the building of the common good.
- **For Cavanis missions and missionaries throughout the world**, that they may be sustained by our prayers and that our ability to walk together may grow in solidarity and mutual care.
- **For peace**, that each person may commit themselves to building dialogue and promoting reconciliation within families, communities, and among peoples.

6. Conclusion

The Gospel reminds us that every young person is protected by God; Mary teaches us to care for them with a mother's heart; and the Cavanis Charism invites us to accompany them with responsibility and trust.

During this Marian month, let us ask for the grace that every young person may encounter educators who know how to see, listen, and support; environments that know how to welcome and accompany them; so that they may grow in freedom and in goodness.