**A Blessing of School Backpacks**

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**Here is a simple blessing that anyone could use at home or in class for the blessing of school bags at the start of the year….**

* As you carry your bag, may you know that Jesus is walking with you always looking after you.
* May you keep safe in all you do, may you be more aware of others too.
* May you know the warmth of God’s protecting presence in all you say and do.
* May the Lord help you at school, to grow in every way.

**After these prayers, sprinkle the bags with some Holy Water, if you have some.**

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***This can also be used at the end of Mass, before the final blessing, using the following introduction:***

Let us pray for God’s blessing on our children in this new school year, that they may continue to walk safely in God’s ways……….