The Spiritual Care and Guidance and Community Involvement Service

Comments on the Service

Following the evaluation of pilot projects conducted at the elementary level, many people expressed their appreciation of the service. Here are a few remarks:

- "This is a real complementary service to the life of the school."
- "This service best corresponds to the needs of our children. It will enable the children to get to know themselves better, giving them a clearer sense of direction in life."
- "It's a service adapted to today's society and to the needs of the community."
- "It's a service that creates a meeting ground for the school and the community, that corresponds exactly to the spirit of the reform."
- "If the service is experienced in a positive manner, it will be both a resource and a means of enrichment for all facilitators and students. It is a good addition to our school system."
- "Utilize the service to bring together and mobilize the school team with respect to child development."
- "The time has come indeed to allow our children to experience moments that will enable them to connect with their inner-selves."
- "This service creates a positive impact on the student's personal growth and encourages dialogue in the school team, which constitutes a *laboratory for living* in a meaningful setting for students."
- "It is an added dimension that encourages openness, expression of differences and a desire to participate in common projects."
- "It is a service based on the essential needs of the child. It provides an opportunity for the student to be heard, to get to know himself/herself, to stop and look within and to get involved. It's both an individual and a collective service."
- "It enables all students to participate and express their differences."
- "It's a service we need, especially in the present-day context. If we have the right animator, there will be many advantages."
- "A service that is more available, more in touch with the needs of the students. A cooperative effort, a partnership at the service of the students."