

REMARKS

STUDENT COUNCIL INSTALLATION

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I. Good morning. It's a pleasure for me to have been invited to meet and speak to you. I know that St. Anthony's School produces some very fine students who go on to become outstanding citizens in the community. You can be proud of your school and of yourselves.

II. If you are proud of your school, you want to do everything you can to improve it. It's the same way with the city you live in: If you like it, you want to make sure it stays a nice place to live. If you try to improve your city, you're a good citizen of that city. If you try to improve your school, that makes you a good citizen of your school.

III. Some of you may be thinking, "So what? I don't like my school," or "I don't like my city." Does that mean you shouldn't still be a good citizen? Of course not. Here's why: If you don't like everything about your school or your city, first figure out why, then do something about it. Even if you don't like it, you can make it better. And if you try to make it better, you're bound to be a good citizen. If you're a good citizen, you can make your school or your city a better place not only for yourself, but for all of us.

IV. Today you are installing your new Student Council. Some members of the Council may think, "I like my school, and I want to be sure it stays a good school." Others may think, "I don't like everything about my school, and I want to make some changes." Whichever way they feel, the members of your Student Council are doing the right thing; they have gotten involved. They have taken a real interest in their school and are working to make it a good school.

V. Just like your school, the city has a council called the City Council made up of concerned citizens who are trying to make things better. The City Council has five members, and right now I'm one of them. To get on the City Council, you have to be elected. You run for office and ask people to vote for you. Usually more people want to be on the City Council than can be. By voting, the citizens decide which people will get to be on the City Council.

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~~If you want to be on the Council but don't get elected, you can~~
to ~~still~~ get involved in improving your city. The same is true for your school. But even if you don't want to be on the City Council or the Student Council, ~~that doesn't mean you shouldn't try to be a good~~
citizen and get involved. There are many important things you can do to improve your city and your school. ~~Just~~ obeying all the rules and laws *helping keep your city clean & in good shape, encouraging others to do the same* is very important. Talk to your friends and teachers about other ways to be a good citizen. I'm sure you'll be able to think of many.

VII. School is an important part of your life. It's the time when you learn how to do all the things you'll need to know later. The math and English and science that you learn now will come in handy later when you're grown up. Another thing you can learn is how to be a good citizen. *care for the property of the school, the city, and others* The best way to learn, of course, is to practice. *Others* If you practice being a good citizen now as a student in your school, it will be easy for you to be a good citizen later as an adult. The members of your Student Council are getting good practice at being good citizens. But everyone can practice being a good citizen. To be a good citizen you don't have to be a good student. That is, you don't have to be a "brain" or the smartest student in the class. But it's smart to be a good citizen. *U*

VIII. We've talked about being a good citizen of your school and of your city, but where else should you be a good citizen? That's right, you should be a good citizen of your family, of your church and when you're with your friends. No matter where you are, you can practice good citizenship. If you just practice being a good citizen, you automatically are one.

IX. I want to congratulate the members of the Student Council. They have an important job to do. They will need your help to do it. If you pitch in and get involved now, St. Anthony's will remain a school you can be proud of. If all of us work together, our city will be a place we can be proud of, too.

X. Thank you for having me here today. Best of luck to all of you this school year.