

## **Hope Amidst the Cloud of Unknowing**

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There is a cloud of unknowing hanging over the start of the school year, which is impacting families on many fronts.

In the schools, the year is spoken about tentatively, because no one knows if there will be an unscheduled break and how long it might last.

Families are feeling uncertain about finances, because wary employers are forecasting caution, as they try to make sense of the haze around turbulent geopolitics.

Now would be a great time for leadership to step forward and say, “Follow me. This is the way ahead,” but many key leadership positions are in transition for school divisions, the city, and even the archdiocese.

A cloud of unknowing has materialized around all of us, obscuring visible rays of certainty. But, where the light of certainty fades, the corona of faith begins.

The coming days of school may feel beyond our control, but we can be certain that our actions of love will make someone else’s day brighter.

Finances might be unpredictable, but we can be confident that Our Father will invite us to share our daily bread — some days we will give; other days we will receive.

Civic elections will take place, and an archbishop will be appointed, but the author of all life remains unchanged.

A cloud of unknowing has descended, obscuring the world around us, but Jesus' love for us encompasses all things and every moment of our lives — even the unknown — and this is our hope.