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St. John Vianney Catholic School is the Recipient of the George Ermellini Literacy Award

Congratulations to St. John Vianney Catholic School in Etobicoke for being selected as the recipient of this year's **George Ermellini Literacy Award**. This special award supports innovative programs in literacy in elementary schools from across the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

St. John Vianney Catholic School promotes "family reading programs" for primary children and "reading buddy programs" which pair up older students with their peers in earlier grades. It provides several other co-curricular programs to sustain literacy among children and a well-rounded focus for the students.

Literacy is necessary to develop one's knowledge and potential, to function in society and to achieve one's goal. George Ermellini was a TCDSB instructor and superintendent who was renowned for his commitment to literacy initiatives.

Michael Gagliardi, the school Principal, sent in the winning proposal, which recognizes the importance of literacy providing books and creating programs which promote reading among children and their families.

The award is administered by the Angel Foundation for Learning.

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The Toronto Catholic District School Board educates more than 90,000 students from diverse cultures and language backgrounds in its 201 Catholic elementary and secondary schools and serves 474,876 Catholic school supporters across the City of Toronto.

The Angel Foundation for Learning is a charitable organization devoted to assisting needy students of the Toronto Catholic District School Board. For 20 years the Foundation has assisted needy students by providing equitable access to educational, social and nutritional opportunities.