

# Greetings From Your Trustee



**REPRESENTING:**

*Elementary Schools:*

Blessed Margherita of Citta di Castello  
St. Augustine                      St. Charles Garnier  
St. Conrad                         St. Jane Frances  
St. Jerome                         St. Martha  
St. Norbert                        St. Raphael  
St. Robert                         St. Wilfrid

*Secondary Schools:*

James Cardinal McGuigan                      Madonna

*Superintendents of Education,*

Colleen Shackleton and Michael McMorrow

*Parishes:*

St. Augustine of Canterbury                      St. Jane Frances  
St. Norbert    St. Philip Neri  
St. Wilfrid



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*Kindergarten Registration begins  
February 1<sup>st</sup>*

*in all of our Catholic elementary schools.*

*Catholic secondary school registrations  
are being accepted now!*

Wishing you  
a Blessed  
Christmas  
Season



As we approach the Christmas season, we are mindful of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. This Holy season brings signs of hope and peace and new beginnings.

I offer to each and every one of you a prayer as we are also mindful of the many challenges and difficulties that we are faced with in times of unrest throughout our City.

*Jesus, teacher and healer, heal us by inspiring us  
to communicate openly, lovingly and patiently.*

*Give us words that can speak our thoughts  
comfort when needed and challenge when  
necessary*

*Send us your Spirit to remind us  
of your ways and your words*

My wish for all of you is happiness and peace as you gather with friends and family in celebration over this Holy season.

Peace be with all of you,

*Mary Cicogna*

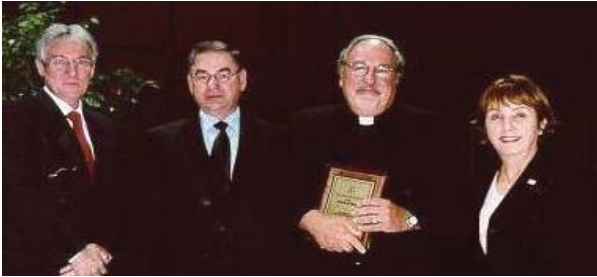
Toronto Catholic schools follow the provincial curriculum as set out by the Ministry of Education, are Christ-centered and student-focused. Our mission is to create a positive learning environment wherein respect for all is taught and encouraged. Our expectations for all of our graduates is that they become responsible citizens who give witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.

I thank you for your continued support of Catholic Education. Please spread the good news to neighbours in your area who may have children preparing to enter school. I ask you to continue this support by registering your grade 8 graduate child in one of our Catholic secondary schools.

In Ward 4, parents have the option of registering their child in a single gender female school at Madonna Catholic Secondary School or at James Cardinal McGuigan Catholic High School which is a co-educational school. Both secondary schools offer many opportunities and have dedicated staffs that are committed to ensuring student success.

For further information about registration, please contact 416-222-8282, ext. 5314 or visit our website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)

## Tribute to our TCDSB Community



Father Massey Lombardi, pastor at St. Wilfrid's parish, received the TCDSB Award of Merit, which recognizes outstanding contributions to the Toronto Catholic District School Board and to Catholic Education at the Board's awards presentation in October. With me are Board Chair Oliver Carroll, and Kevin Kobus, Director of Education.

## St. Raphael wins Exemplary Practice Award



St. Raphael's grade 7/8 class participated in the Entrepreneurial Adventure Program, a business education partnership initiative designed to help K-9 students develop entrepreneurial skills and attitudes. The grade 7/8 class, in collaboration with Enrico Mora, their Bank of Montreal Business Partner, took on the venture of planning, producing, marketing and distributing an Electronic CD-Format Year Book for the St. Raphael Community. The Grade 7/8 class has created a company that is called Click It Inc. Their slogan is: "Why Flip It When You Can Click IT?"

## St. Conrad students at Board meeting



Students from St. Conrad Catholic School attended the Board's Administrative and Corporate Services Committee meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> to make a presentation regarding their school.

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## Academic Awards

One of the highlights each year at James Cardinal McGuigan is the Academic Awards Ceremony where we come together as a community to celebrate students' efforts and achievements.



This year's Academic Awards Ceremony was held on November 30<sup>th</sup> in the school gymnasium. It was a memorable evening where 116 students received awards for their efforts in achieving first-rate marks. Congratulations to all for their hard work.

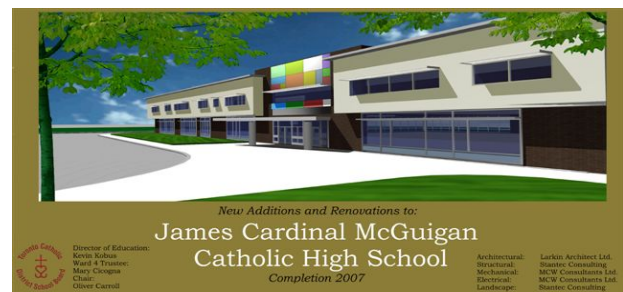
## More successes...

Valrine Kanagasabay, a student from Madonna, was recognized with an award at the annual Father Patrick Fogarty Awards Dinner sponsored by the Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario. The award recognizes academic achievement, involvement in school or community activities and volunteer work.



## McGuigan Highlights

The Board is committed to the planned improvements to James Cardinal McGuigan. Construction of a new addition and improvements to the existing building will begin in the late spring of 2006. The Board will transfer portables to the site and set up for occupancy in Jan.-Feb. 2006 so that the current programs can continue to be delivered on the existing site during construction. Construction will begin shortly after the removal of the portables currently on the site of the new addition. All construction work is expected to be completed and the improved facility ready for occupancy by Sept. 2007.



Staff at McGuigan are committed to offering an excellent academic curriculum enriched with a variety of specialty programs such as gifted, computer, career education, ESL and 'Success for All', complemented with a variety of co-curricular activities, which enable students to acquire knowledge and skills, and to develop a sense of self worth and of their responsibility to society. Parents and students are encouraged to consider James Cardinal McGuigan as an option for secondary school studies.