

Message from the Director of Education and Chair of the Board

As we look forward to the celebration of Christmas and the coming of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, it's a time for us to rejoice and reflect on the many blessings Our Lord has bestowed upon us. Christmas allows us the opportunity to rekindle relationships with old friends and make new ones, and spend quality time with our loved ones sharing meals, exchanging gifts, decorating the tree, and singing and praying together.

As a Catholic Community, we are called to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, and that Jesus offers the greatest of all gifts: His salvation.

We must also remember those for whom the joy of the season is diminished by loss, illness, loneliness or poverty. We are grateful for our schools and offices who have dedicated their time and effort to support some of these families through food drives, fundraisers and charitable donations. It is through these acts of charity and kindness that we are truly living God's work.

During this Year of the Parish, let's renew our connection with our local Church and take advantage of the many celebrations that will take place Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Let us work to be caring and giving members of our parish communities throughout the holidays and beyond, sharing our gifts with those around us, and let us use the remaining days of Advent to prepare our hearts for the spirit of Christmas.

We are pleased to share with you this video featuring many examples of Advent and Christmas celebrations that took place across the TCDSB: <https://youtu.be/IXDcQzJj0B4> and we look forward to the many more celebrations taking place throughout the week.

As this year comes to an end, we thank all the staff, students, families, parishes and supporters of Catholic education for the commitment and dedication that you have devoted to our school and parish communities. We look forward to welcoming 2017 with a continued focus on our shared priorities of Nurturing our Catholic Community, improving student achievement and building our capacity to lead and learn.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Senior Team, we wish you and your loved ones the peace of Christ at this very special time of year.

Sincerely,

Angela Gauthier
Director of Education

Angela Kennedy
Chair of the Board