

“Serving in the Love of Christ”
Celebrating Catholic Education Week
May 4-9, 2014

The Catholic school is an integral part of the Church’s mission to proclaim the Gospel, build faith communities, celebrate through worship and serve others. Each Catholic school is a unique faith-centered community, which integrates thinking and believing in ways that encourage intellectual, physical, and spiritual growth, nurture faith and inspire action.

Catholic schools touch the lives of children, inform the young people who represent the future, foster the development of the whole person, and influence their life choices. Catholic schools lead them on their faith journey. Our schools are communities of faith where Catholic beliefs are integrated into the total learning experience. Students are inspired to become peacemakers, to respect self and others, to care for their environment, and to serve their communities.

As the largest publicly funded Catholic school board in the world, the Toronto Catholic District School Board has a rich history of tradition that has been handed down to us by our Religious Orders called to serve. Many have journeyed before us and have left a legacy of love and caring that is ours to cherish, to protect and to nurture.

During the annual celebration of Catholic Education Week, we reflect upon the good that is inherent in our faith and in our school communities, and celebrate the accomplishments of our students, staff, parents, parishes and others who help to shape our schools and school system. This year we are called to consider how we may serve others in the love of Christ with faithfulness, humility, compassion, justice and joy.

The week begins with our annual Awards Night, celebrating recent student achievements, and continues with countless celebrations of our Catholic faith and excellence in education, including a student-led province-wide Mass.

We, the partners in Catholic education have inherited a wonderful gift in this province. We are extremely proud to be partners in the education of Toronto’s young people, and we look forward with great anticipation to what we will be able to accomplish together.

We thank everyone in our TCDSB community for the part that you play in shaping our Catholic school communities and we wish all of you a happy Catholic Education Week!

Angela Gauthier
Director of Education

Jo-Ann Davis
Chair of the Board

“School is one of the educational environments where one grows by learning how to live, how to become grown-up, mature men and women. ... Following what St. Ignatius teaches us, the main element in school is learning to be magnanimous ... This means having a big heart, having a greatness of soul. It means having grand ideals, the desire to achieve great things in response to what God asks of us and, precisely because of this, doing everyday things, all our daily actions, commitments, and meetings with people well. [It means] doing the little everyday things with a big heart that is open to God and to others.” -- Pope Francis