

## **Celebrating Our Education Support Staff March 4, 2013**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is proud to be the largest publicly funded Catholic school board in the world. We know that the success of our school system depends on the talent, commitment and collective effort of many people—our staff, our parents, our parishes and our partners.

As we celebrate the first annual day dedicated to our Education Support Staff, we are reminded of the tremendous contribution that these individuals make not only to the individual students who they work with day to day, but also to the sense of caring community that is inherent in our Catholic schools.

Our Child and Youth Workers, Education Assistants and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Support staff support student achievement and well being, most particularly with some of our most disadvantaged, challenging and vulnerable young people. They are trusted adults who provide mentorship, inspiration, support and friendship. They support learning, they contribute to the extracurricular activities in our schools through coaching and supervision of many activities, and most importantly they act as role models, nurturing and guiding these young people to becoming the best that they can be.

To all our support staff, we thank you for the energy, enthusiasm and love that you devote to our schools and our students.

We applaud you for your successes, and we ask for God's continued blessing on the invaluable work that you do each and every day.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

**Bruce Rodrigues**  
**Director of Education**

**Ann Andrachuk**  
**Chair of the Board**