

**Message from the Chair of the Board  
and the Director of Education**

**Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day  
October 26, 2016**

Each year the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care invites school boards to recognize the many professionals who work in the child care centres in our schools. This year, Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> has been set aside for this purpose.

We are pleased to join school boards across the province to salute the Child Care Workers and Early Childhood Educators who work with our youngest children, in partnership with teachers and other staff in our schools, to ensure that these young learners get off to the best start possible.

On this occasion, we thank our Child Care Workers and Early Childhood Educators for the important work that they carry out each and every day. We appreciate your tireless efforts on behalf of our students and their families, and the important contribution you make to the Toronto Catholic District School Board family.

Your caring compassion, enthusiasm, energy and creativity inspire these youngsters to develop to their full potential as they begin their journey of lifelong learning and social interactions with those around them.

We value your partnership in the mission of Catholic education, and we wish all of you a wonderful day, and much success in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

*Angela Gauthier*  
Director of Education

*Angela Kennedy*  
Chair of the Board

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*May we always care for our children, not counting the cost, so that they may never believe themselves to be mistakes, but always know their infinite worth. --Pope Francis*