

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

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,"*

*- John 3:16*

Getting caught up in the challenges of our busy day-to-day lives, we often take for granted the pain and suffering Jesus endured for our sins. At Easter, we are afforded the opportunity to renew our faith as we reflect on Christ's death and resurrection, and the great sacrifices God has made for each of us so that we may all have eternal life with Him.

As we reflect on this holiest of seasons, we are reminded of this everlasting gift of love that God has given and continues to give us through the body and blood of his only begotten Son. This supreme sacrifice is a blessing that demonstrates the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise to humanity, which is the foundation of our faith.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is blessed by many caring and inspiring individuals who have dedicated their lives to nurturing Gospel values and Catholic teachings through their words and actions. Easter is an important time for us to remember the essential role that our Catholic schools play in promoting God's message of love, compassion and forgiveness.

We are truly thankful for our families, friends, pastors and parishes who, together as a community of believers, support our Catholic schools and enrich the spiritual development of our students. We also thank our TCDSB staff for putting their faith into practice each day by inspiring students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.

We pray that every member of our TCDSB family has a blessed Easter.

Sincerely,

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Director of Education

*Barbara Poplawski*  
Chair of the Board