

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

### **Welcome to the New School Year**

With great pleasure we welcome the students and staff of the Toronto Catholic District School Board community to an exciting 2018-2019 school year. We extend a special welcome to our new students, families and staff, and congratulate the newly appointed school administrators and members of our senior team. We look forward to working together to enhance student learning and well-being.

As we begin the new school year, the TCDSB will embark on its new three-year pastoral plan – Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become. This year, we embrace and celebrate Belonging: including the acceptance of each and every student and their families within our Catholic community. Our common belief brings us together as one family. Catholic schools are built on the relationships between our families, our parishes, our staff and our students. We celebrated these communities in our previous pastoral plan, and will continue to nurture their close ties in this new pastoral plan.

As we welcome our students for the new year, we wish all of them a year filled with opportunities, possibilities, old and new friendships and learning experiences supporting their development. We pray that our staff and administrators will be blessed with the patience, creativity and energy to inspire, support, and engage our young people on the path of lifelong learning.

We appreciate and thank our TCDSB community for their commitment to Catholic Education and are thankful for their partnership and dedication in shaping our Catholic School Board. Working together, we continue our mission of educating students to grow in grace and knowledge, and empowering all students so that they are willing and able to transform through witness faith, innovation and action.

On behalf of the Senior Team and the Board of Trustees, may your year be successful and rewarding!

Sincerely,

***Rory McGuckin***  
Director of Education

***Barbara Poplawski***  
Chair of the Board