



Message from the Director of Education and Chair of the Board

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Prayer

"Gracious God,

We thank you today and always for the many blessings you have given us.

We thank you for our families and pray for your blessing on those who are separated from theirs.

We thank you for our homes and pray for your blessing on those who are without safe and comfortable shelter.

We thank you for our country and pray for your blessing on those who are refugees.

We thank you for our health and pray for your blessing on those who are living with illness and pain.

We thank you for our companionship and pray for your blessing on those who are lonely.

We thank you for all that fills our lives with joy and pray for your blessing on those who are sorrowing.

We remember and pray for those who have died, and thank you for the living.

Keep us ever mindful of your love and may we continue to be witnesses of that love in our world.

We pray through Christ our Lord.

Amen."

- Catholic Teachers' Centre 2018

During October, we reflect on the virtue of gratitude, and as Thanksgiving weekend approaches, we are mindful of the many things in our lives for which we can be thankful. We are grateful for the precious gifts that we have in our lives including our publicly funded Catholic Education school system, and the peace and freedom we enjoy as Canadians.

Our Board gives thanks for the enthusiastic young people who are at the heart of the work that we do to help transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action. We are grateful for all of our staff who work daily to inspire and motivate our students to become the best they can possibly be as well as our administrative staff committed to providing the best learning environments and resources. We have a deep appreciation for our parents and our parish partners who support our school communities in so many ways. This triad of home, school and parish is the foundation of our success.

We also acknowledge the importance of this year's Pastoral Plan which reminds us that *we Belong* to the TCDSB family. We are grateful for a community that provides an inclusive and caring learning environment where its members are accepted for their unique gifts and talents, and are nurtured to be the best they can be.

This Thanksgiving we thank everyone for the important role they play in helping our students succeed.

Have a safe, happy and blessed Thanksgiving weekend!

Sincerely,

Rory McGuckin
Director of Education

Barbara Poplawski
Chair of the Board