

# EXPLORING PATHS OF JOY



*Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*  
Psalm 119: 105

## **Celebrating Catholic Education Week May 3 – 8, 2015**

At the heart of every Catholic school is joy. Our faith-centered school communities nurture students in the hope and love of Christ, the source of all joy, playing an integral part in shaping not only the intellectual development but also the spiritual and moral foundations of the young people entrusted to us.

Children walk their faith journey in our schools. Together with our families and our parish communities, Catholic schools nurture within our future leaders a thirst for Jesus and a desire to reflect His light to each other, in their communities and to the world. Joyfully they share Christ with the disadvantaged, the sick and the oppressed, becoming stewards of peace and inspiring action through their efforts.

Catholic Education Week is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all who are working tirelessly to impart Catholic values to our students in the Toronto Catholic District School Board. We are immensely grateful for the important role you play as staff, trustees, parents, clergy and parishioners, in shaping the hearts and minds of our future. Your contributions, as partners in Catholic education, add to the richness that makes each of our schools unique places of discovery and development.

It is fitting that Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, May 3 – 9, coincides with Catholic Education Week. As our young people journey on their paths of exploration and growth, we walk with them, offering support, encouragement and guidance. It is our priority to make every student in our schools feel safe, included, welcomed and accepted. Numerous initiatives, like *Stop the Stigma* and *Bell Lets Talk Day*, are run through our schools to help create healthy and compassionate environments where our students can thrive. We are grateful for all our educators and staff, for their dedication to sustaining the positive well-being of our students.

As the largest publicly funded Catholic school board in the world, we are proud to be an important part in the lives of our children. We thank you for your commitment to Catholic education and the crucial roles you play in the lives of our students.

Happy Catholic Education Week!

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