

Remembrance Day Message



Peace demands the most heroic labour and the most difficult sacrifice. It demands greater heroism than war. It demands greater fidelity to the truth and a much more perfect purity of conscience.

Thomas Merton

Dear Friends in Catholic Education:

Once again, our country commemorates Remembrance Day and the sacrifices made in the name of peace and the building of communities after times of strife and disaster.

I encourage our school communities to recognize the significance of this day and to use this opportunity to lead our students in appropriate tributes to our veterans and the men and women in our Canadian Forces. There is always a price to pay for their sacrifices. We are exceedingly grateful to them, and to all who have represented our country, as well as their families and friends.

They have answered a call to be witnesses of peace. We are all called upon to be peacemakers, as highlighted in our virtue for the month of November. Peace truly begins within our hearts and extends to our families, friends and colleagues.

Let us pray for peace in our communities. We must unite as members of a global community, recognizing the need for each of us to love one another and to be responsible for each other's care. Our love demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

I wish you peace in your daily lives and thank you for your "heroic labour" in contributing to that peace through your leadership and as responsible citizens who give witness to Catholic social teaching.

Sincerely,

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Director of Education