

## TCDSB Remembers



*The Simple Path  
Silence is Prayer  
Prayer is Faith  
Faith is Love  
Love is Service  
The Fruit of Service is Peace*

— *Blessed Mother Teresa*

Dear Friends in Catholic Education:

“At the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day in the 11<sup>th</sup> month”.....these historic words signified the end of The Great War or World War I, as we now know it, and the beginning of a world-wide day of remembrance.

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World War I, during which time over 60,000 Canadians perished. As noted on the [Veterans Affairs Canada](#) website, “it was this immense sacrifice that led to Canada’s separate signature on the Peace Treaty. No longer viewed as just a colony of England, Canada had truly achieved nation status.” It was to be the “war to end all wars” but to the world’s dismay, was followed by more deadly conflicts around the world so that, today, we remember not only their sacrifices but all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is committed to honouring the contributions of our veterans and the men and women who are serving in our Canadian Forces. We take great pride in Canada’s peacekeeping missions and embrace peace as our virtue for the month of November.

We ask our school communities and offices to recognize this day and to pause at 11 a.m. on November 11<sup>th</sup> to reflect on their sacrifices and on how we can promote peace in our homes, in our city, in our world. The poppy has become the universal symbol of remembrance. When we wear the poppy, we are demonstrating our pride and respect for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

We wish you peace in your daily lives and thank you for your contribution to peace through your leadership as responsible citizens who give witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.

Sincerely,

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