

Toonie Tuesday

To support humanitarian aid for the Philippines

We have already shared information with you about the fundraising efforts in response to the recent devastation caused by an earthquake and multiple storms that have hit the Philippines.

Our hearts go out to our brothers and sisters in the Philippines, and we offer our prayers for the victims of this natural disaster and those who have been displaced.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is encouraging all students, teachers, and staff from our schools and offices to participate in a **Toonie Tuesday on November 19th** to support relief efforts in that region.

Please count all the money collected on November 19th, and inform the Communications Department of the total you have raised via email to commdept@tcdsb.org.

One cheque from each school or department should be sent to the **Archdiocese of Toronto**, earmarked for **Philippines Relief** to the following address:

Catholic Pastoral Centre
1155 Yonge Street
Toronto, Ontario
M4T 1W2

PLEASE NOTE: The Canadian Government has pledged to match donations made up to December 9th.

Typhoon Haiyan (locally known as Yolanda) hit the Philippines on November 8, with a tidal surge of more than six metres and winds approaching 275km/h, which destroyed buildings, crops and infrastructure across several islands, leaving thousands dead. Estimates suggest more than 9.5 million people are in need of aid across nine provinces and more than 600,000 have been forced from their homes.

Relief workers from the official Catholic relief agency on the ground, NASSA-Caritas Philippines, say the victims most need emergency shelter, water and sanitation, household relief items, potable water and toilets as relief operations gear up.

In this year of hope, we know that our Catholic school board family will respond to this call for help with generosity and compassion.

God bless!

Angela Gauthier, Director of Education

Ann Andrachuk, Chair of the Board