

**Message from Director of Education  
And Chair of the Board  
Volunteer Appreciation Week  
April 12-18, 2015**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is pleased to join in the celebration of National Volunteer Week April 12-18<sup>th</sup> and thank the many volunteers who support our Catholic school communities. Each and every day throughout the year we see these dedicated individuals in action in our classrooms, on field trips and countless special events lending their support to students and staff as we work together to create caring and welcoming learning environments for our young people.

A heartfelt thank you to the parents, grandparents, friends, pastors and others from our parishes and our communities who share their talents with our school. They provide mentorship, caring adult role models, encouragement and assistance. They help our children to succeed and to get greater enjoyment from their experience in school.

Of course we also recognize that the volunteer spirit is alive and well among our own staff and students, who in turn give of themselves to help others. We see them engaged in community service projects in their schools, in their neighbourhoods, in their parishes and overseas, responding to the urgent needs of others who are less fortunate. This generosity of spirit and outpouring of love has been even more evident during this year of charity across our board. You make us very proud!

We thank you all for putting your faith into action, and answering the call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. May God continue to bless all our volunteers and the important work that they do with such compassion and love.

***Angela Gauthier***  
***Director of Education***

***Michael Del Grande***  
***Chair of the Board***

***Let us not be satisfied with just giving money.  
Money is not enough, money can be got, but they need  
your hearts to love them.  
So, spread your love everywhere you go.***

**Blessed Mother Teresa**