



World Social Justice Day February 20, 2014

Message from the Director of Education and Chair of the Board

We are all One Body in Christ--1Cor 12:12

“In a global culture driven by excessive individualism, our (Catholic) tradition proclaims that the person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society in economics and politics, in law and policy directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Our Church teaches that the role of government and other institutions is to protect human life and human dignity and promote the common good.”

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As the world marks **Social Justice Day on February 20th**, we are reminded to live in a way that demonstrates that other people and living things matter to us. We are encouraged to live simply, to be good stewards of the earth and to pray for those who are poor, oppressed and exploited.

As Catholic educators, we are called to learn about social justice issues and to impart this knowledge to others, and most importantly to inspire our young people to take action against oppression, poverty, hunger and abuse.

Throughout the school year we see the commitment of our students and our school communities to social justice both at home and around the world. Our active partnerships with organizations such as ShareLife and the Angel Foundation whose goal is to help and empower those in need of our love and support are all clear and visible examples of Catholic Social Justice Teachings in action. In addition, our environmental initiatives such the bottled water free project, Eco-Schools and other environmental initiatives are examples of how we are building social awareness and action to deal with modern-day issues.

Globally, TCDSB students are ambassadors of peace and love through our ongoing involvement with both Development & Peace and Free the Children. Also, when the call for help comes from other parts of the world devastated by famine or natural disasters, our quick response brings comfort to those in desperate need.

We encourage all of you to continue to embrace the tenets of our Catholic faith, to do whatever you can to promote human dignity, protect human rights, and build the common good.

Together we can endeavour to nurture compassion, justice, love and respect in our homes, our schools, our communities and throughout the world.

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