

# Message from the Director of Education and Chair of the Board

## World Teachers' Day October 5, 2015

*"The family which experiences joy...is the salt of the earth and the light of the world, it is the leaven of society as a whole." – Pope Francis*

As we celebrate World Teachers' Day, we offer a heartfelt thank you to all of the teachers who make up the Toronto Catholic District School Board family. We know that the success of our students is predicated on the level of commitment of those who are called to educate, to inspire and to support them.

In our Catholic school communities, it is our teachers, our administrators and our support staff who, together with our parents and parishes, provide mentorship, leadership and inspiration to the students that we are privileged to serve. Our young people look to the adults in their lives to show them what it means to follow the example of Jesus—to serve those entrusted to us, to protect all of God's creation and to love and accept each and every person for their unique talents.

One can only marvel and be awestruck by the profound learning and deep care for our students that is demonstrated in and outside our classrooms and throughout our school communities on a daily basis. With great care and commitment, our teachers reach out and motivate our students to overcome challenges and inspire them to realize their full potential so that they can reach their full potential.

We see the talent and dedication of our teachers at work throughout the year at special events, school liturgies, classroom retreats, clubs and teams, as well as field trips. We celebrate their successes in academics, athletics and the arts, which all contribute to the dynamic and exciting learning environments that our students enjoy. We pray for God's blessing that they will continue to find inspiration and strength from the support of their colleagues, and from the teachings of the Gospel.

We applaud our teachers, and all those who support the important work of education. On behalf of all of us — parents, staff, trustees, and most importantly on behalf of the students that have benefited from our teachers' leadership and dedication, thank you for making a direct impact in their lives and in our Catholic school community.

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