



The Jesuits & Catholic Education

“Men and women for others,” is the goal of Jesuit Education which is still the theme at Brebeuf College School today. In 1963, the Jesuits opened Brebeuf and taught and administered the school until 1984. The Jesuits want their graduates to be open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, compassionate and committed to doing justice. Ultimately, this means that each student, no matter how ordinary they consider themselves, are capable of doing extraordinary things in and for the world in which they live. Thus, each student is challenged to excellence in all they do and to live their faith so that they bring a different perspective to their community and field of work and in turn join the many graduates who have made a difference.

Today there are 3,730 Jesuit educational institutions throughout the world, caring for just over 2.5 million students. A little over 4,000 Jesuits and 125,000 lay, religious and clerical partners work together in the educational apostolate of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) which include *Fe y Alegria* schools and programmes (promoting social change by means of integral, popular education among impoverished populations, particularly in Latin America and Spain) and technical and professional schools as well as institutions of primary, secondary and higher education.

Part of the legacy of the Toronto Catholic School District is this connection with the Jesuits in English Canada, who today are celebrating the 400th Anniversary of the first arrival of the Jesuits in 1611. For more information: www.jesuits.ca



Jesuit General, Father Adolfo Nicolás, is surrounded by the young Jesuits in formation in English Canada. This was taken in July 2011 at a conference involving all the Jesuits in English Canada and lay coworkers.