



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

Respect for Life Week May 14-19, 2017

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.” – Pope Francis

As Catholics, we believe that all life is sacred, and something to be valued and treasured. Respect for Life Week reminds us that we are all created in the image and likeness of God, and of the importance of protecting and cherishing this holy gift.

The policies and practices of the Toronto Catholic District School Board affirm the sacred character of human life. As a Catholic education community, dignity of the human person is the foundation for our students’ education. We are called to guide, nurture and challenge our young people to respect and protect human life, at every stage and state.

The Board’s profound support for respect for life issues is reflected in curriculum, professional development opportunities for staff, the fostering of school climates, and the implementation of special events that focus, support and highlight our ongoing support for respect for life. During the Year of the Parish a number of our schools worked together with their parish to give back to those less fortunate in our community. We applaud our students and staff who regularly demonstrate compassion through their community involvement and initiatives promoting justice, peace and inclusivity, and who inspire classroom and community discussions around these important issues.

Prayers, reflections and other resources for Respect for Life Week are available online through the board’s website www.tcdsb.org (click on Nurturing our Catholic Community).

During this special week, take a moment to say a prayer of thanks for all who uphold the dignity and worth of every human being.

God bless!

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