

## Resources: Print and Film

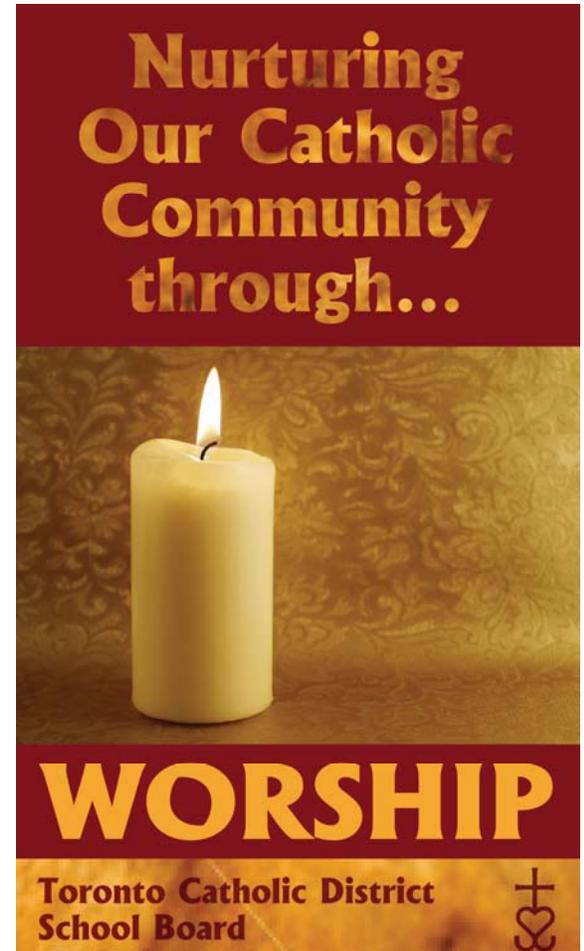
### Literature Resources on the Virtue of Love

1. *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown with pictures by Clement Hurd (Children's Book)

This book testifies to a mother's unconditional love for her child. A little bunny threatens to run away and become a fish, and his mother vows to be a fisherman; he will become a rock, and she a mountain climber; he a flying trapeze artist, and she a tightrope walker crossing the air to him.

2. *Mama, Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Joosse and illustrated by Barbara Lavalley (Children's Book)

This book is set in the Arctic where a little girl learns that her mother loves her "more than the whale loves his spout" and will love her "till the stars turn to fish in the sky," even if she stayed away to sing with the wolves or turned into a walrus! These stories are analogies of God's unreserved love for the Creation, no matter what we do.



3. [\*How to Expand Love: Widening the Circle of Loving Relationships\*](#) by His Holiness the Dalai Lama

Helpful and down-to-earth practices developed over the centuries in Tibet for cultivating love and compassion.

4. **The Giving Tree:** by Shel Silverstein

In Shel Silverstein's popular tale of few words and simple line drawings, a tree starts out as a leafy playground, shade provider, and apple bearer for a rambunctious little boy. Making the boy happy makes the tree happy, but with time it becomes more challenging for the generous tree to meet his needs. A touching book for all ages!

5. **Love You Forever,** by Robert Munch

The mother sings to her sleeping baby: "I'll love you forever / I'll love you for always / As long as I'm living / My baby you'll be." She still sings the same song when her baby has turned into a testy 2-year-old, a dishevelled 9-year-old, and then a raucous teen. She even follows her son to his home once he has moved away to continue this tradition. Then, inevitably, the day comes when she's too old and sick to hold him, and the roles are at last reversed. Each stage is illustrated and the love of a parent and child is beautifully depicted through both visual and literary forms. A touching book for all ages!

## Film Resources

1. [\*A Beautiful Mind\*](#) tells the story of a brilliant Nobel Prize-winning mathematician whose wife helps him emerge his heart during an extensive struggle with schizophrenia.

2. [\*Titanic\*](#) - An historical drama about the doomed ocean liner that creatively illustrates the salvific power of love.

3. [\*Because of Winn-Dixie\*](#) (Twentieth Century Fox) is a magical story about a lonely girl whose life is transformed by a smiling stray dog who has a spiritual gift for bringing her together with just the right people.



4. [\*Walk the Line\*](#) (Twentieth Century Fox) is a bio-drama about Johnny Cash that pays special attention to the important role that our primal emotions play in life, love, and creativity.



5. [\*Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs\*](#) (20th Century Fox) is a lively, lightly humorous, and appealing animated feature about an extended family of animal friends who face some big challenges together.

