



TCDSB Statement on Pride Month

June 1, 2021

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is proud to proclaim the month of June as Pride Month in solidarity with 2SLGBTQ+ students, staff and allies.

As proclaimed across our province, country and around the world, the recognition of Pride Month and the ascent of the Pride flag across the TCDSB affirms a shared commitment to building and maintaining supportive environments founded on Catholic principles of inclusion, dignity and respect for all.

With our belief in the worth and dignity of every person, we demonstrate living out the Gospel values of love, inclusion, compassion, and care for all, including 2SLGBTQ+ individuals. Flying the Pride Flag increases our awareness of the dignity of each human person and our care for all who may be marginalized. Much like our Catholic principles of respect, inclusion, fairness, equity, and social justice, each colour of the Pride flag carries a significant meaning, and we encourage all to take the time this Pride Month to learn more about how these values align.

Further engagement with the TCDSB's 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee will reinforce the Board's ongoing work to better support students, staff and their families who identify as two-spirited, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and 2SLGBTQ+ families in nurturing their faith through a meaningful relationship between home, school, and parish.

The Catholic Church values the God-given dignity of all human life and we take this opportunity to say to 2SLGBTQ+ individuals, especially young people, that we stand with you and oppose any form of violence, bullying or harassment directed at you. As people of faith, we lead by example through ongoing engagement with 2SLGBTQ+ individuals, and we will continue to work together to ensure your voices are heard.

This June, let us come together as a community, unified in the sacred message of love and inclusion. Know that God created you, God loves you and God is on your side.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brendan Browne".

Brendan Browne
Director of Education

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Martino".

Joseph Martino
Chair of the Board