



## **POLISH HERITAGE DAY IN THE TCDSB**

**WHEREAS** November 11, 2018 is the 100th anniversary of Poland's National Independence Day and celebrations are being held throughout 2018 to honour the country's rebirth and return to independence in 1918;

**AND WHEREAS** May 3rd is officially known as Constitution Day in Poland and annually celebrated as Poland's most important civil holiday since it regained independence in 1918;

**AND WHEREAS** the Polish Canadian community has contributed towards the growth and development of our country since before the year of Canadian Confederation in 1867, and continues to make significant contributions to our schools by sharing its rich heritage, cultural experiences, and language;

**AND WHEREAS** there are over 1 million Canadians who claim full or partial Polish ancestry, of whom over 20 percent reside in the City of Toronto, with many attending our Catholic schools;

**AND WHEREAS** the history of the Toronto Catholic District School Board has benefited from the participation and celebration of Polish traditions and culture, as seen through student, parent and staff representation in many of our school communities;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Toronto Catholic District School Board hereby proclaims May 3rd, 2018 as *Polish Heritage Day* in the TCDSB, in recognition of this historic 100th Anniversary and the immense contributions made to the social, cultural, economic and political fabric of our Board.

**Barbara Poplawski**  
Chair of the Board

**Rory McGuckin**  
Director of Education