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Ms. Barbara Poplawski - Chairperson
Toronto Catholic District School Board
80 Sheppard Ave. E.
Toronto, ON M2N 6E8

Dear Madam Chairperson and Board Trustees:

Christ is Risen!

I greet you in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. May the joy of the Resurrection remain with you always. May God continually bless you with love, wisdom and strength as you work to build His Kingdom on earth through Catholic Education. I commend you in your efforts and may your endeavours be rewarded a hundredfold.

Re: Petition to designate September as *Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Month* in the Toronto District Catholic School Board

It is most commendable that the Toronto District Catholic School Board has for decades recognized, supported and provided for the education of children of the Byzantine Rite. Further, I also commend the parents of children in the Byzantine Rite schools, as well as the Ukrainian community at large, for their involvement and efforts to provide the highest quality of education for their children. We, as one Church breathing with two lungs, can learn from one another and grow into a stronger body of Christ. It is my belief that designating the month of September as *Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Month* would give all Catholic children the opportunity to learn and appreciate the Byzantine Rite customs and practices. I wholeheartedly support the petition currently before the Board to effect this designation.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit always be with you.

Yours in the Risen Christ,

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