

Dear TCDSB Trustees,

This Thursday you are scheduled to vote for the suggestions made by the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee. They support flying the rainbow flag in our Catholic schools and recognizing June as pride month.

On Sunday, in his homily, Cardinal Collins said clearly that June, for Catholics, is about the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is not about "secular things". The month of June must not be turned into homosexual pride or flying the rainbow flag for the entire school system.

Cardinal Collins recommended reading the four Gospels and the Catechism of the Catholic Church in order to avoid the political currents of the day. The TCDSB is a true welcoming community. We know that firsthand because we worked for the Board as teachers for over 60 years. No ideology can save us. Only Christ can do that.

Flying the rainbow flag is not what the Church teaches about the human person, marriage and the family. Wokeness doesn't change those truths. Celebrating the Sacred Heart of Jesus must not be politicized with being "inclusive" and "diverse". True inclusiveness comes with love of neighbour and God. God has created us, male and female and in His own image.

We are asking you to vote to support Catholic teaching and the Constitutional right that Catholics have to operate their schools based on Church teaching. Remember that you took an oath to do so. May God help the innocent children in all schools.

Thank you,
Lou and Michelle Iacobelli
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