

To: Toronto Catholic District School Board Trustees

On behalf of the Lift Jesus Higher Rally, the largest Catholic laity-run single-day event in the country, we wanted to encourage Toronto Catholic Trustees to hear the call from Cardinal Collins to protect Catholic schools by not raising the Pride flag in June.

The message of Christianity is one of love and inclusion, and there is no better symbol for this than the Cross, as the Archdiocese pointed out in a statement of May 4.

A secular symbol, such as the Pride flag, references sexual relationships the Church does not agree with, and is not appropriate as a symbol for Catholic schools.

We concur with the Cardinal that the wisest policy for Catholic schools is to fly only the Canadian flag, so as to favor no one advocacy group over another:

Practically, we also know that there are any number of groups working to advocate for many diverse causes. For this reason, many school boards wisely fly only the Canadian flag out of a sense of equity for all.

We recommend that the Toronto Catholic Trustees vote against flying the Pride flag in June and instead, adopt a policy of flying only the Canadian flag (and provincial, and Vatican, if desired).

Sincerely yours,



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