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To: Regular Board Meeting May 20, 2021

From: Nancy Crawford, Trustee Ward 12

Subject: Consideration of Motion: Celebrating the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June at the Toronto Catholic District School Board

MOVED BY: Nancy Crawford

WHEREAS: The Church will celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11, 2021 and celebrates every month of June as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus;

WHEREAS: Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins wrote on March 23, 2021, to Trustees and Directors, and others involved in Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Toronto, to ask that we focus on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the symbol of the compassionate love of Jesus, throughout the month of June;

WHEREAS: Focusing on the Sacred Heart of Jesus throughout the month of June does not prevent other recognitions occurring in the month of June;

WHEREAS: "The Sacred Heart signifies the steady, reliable, faithful, life-giving love which we experience in Jesus as we encounter him both in the Gospels and in our life of faith; we are called to imitate that faithful love;"*

WHEREAS: In this time of the pandemic, the people of the world are burdened by much fear, isolation, economic loss, illness, suffering and death; and

WHEREAS: Our students, their families and our staff are experiencing much suffering caused by the pandemic. “Like us all, they deserve and they need life-giving spiritual nourishment, clear guidance in life, and the true compassionate love that Jesus teaches us in the Gospel, and models for us, and challenges us to imitate.”*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Toronto Catholic District School Board focus on the Sacred Heart of Jesus this and every June through special prayers and meditations, teachings and activities to deepen our understanding and love for Jesus, each other, and the isolated, sick and marginalized.

*quoted from Cardinal Collins’ March 23, 2021 letter.

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