



Director's Monthly Report May 2022

Spring has sprung across the city as birds are singing, trees are welcoming their leaves, and spring flowers are blooming. After a long winter of restrictions, caution, and cold, blooms and buds across the city are a welcome sight and signal of rebirth and hope. While we acknowledge that the pandemic is not behind us yet, and we remain committed and vigilant, spring brings with it optimism that the road ahead will be bright.

We were proud to host Superintendents and Directors from across the province at the Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers Association conference here in the city. Our team of Catholic leaders organized the first opportunity to gather in over two years, proudly representing Toronto Catholic as leaders in Catholic education.

The opportunity to share in celebrations such as milestone anniversaries for school communities, recognitions of students and staff excellence through awards nights and local ceremonies and gathering in prayer continues to be the highlights of my visits to schools. I appreciate connecting with so many staff and students and learn about the ways in which they are growing in knowledge with justice and hope.

Highlights from May include:

Celebrating **Compassion as the Virtue of the Month** and recognizing important observances such as: Polish Canadian Heritage Month, Asian Canadian Heritage Month, Speech, Language and Hearing Month, World Principal's (and Vice Principals) Day, Catholic Education Week, Respect for Life Week, Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, TCSDB Polish Heritage Day, Red Dress Day (National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People/MMIWG2S), Mother's Day, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Day of Action on Litter, Tamil Genocide Education Week, Children and Youth in Care Day, International Day of Families, International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, Vyshyvanka Day, Victoria Day, Toronto Newcomer Day, Ascension of Our Lord/World Catholic Education Day, Brain Cancer Awareness, Grey Day, National Accessibility Week, and Bike to School Week

- Visiting St. Nicholas of Bari Catholic School with Associate Director Della Mora in recognition of this year's **Canada's Outstanding Principal recipient Anna Arciero**
- Joining the **St. Josaphat Catholic School** community for their Easter Liturgy during Catholic Education Week
- Attending and participating in the annual **Awards Night** to celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of our students, alumni, staff, and friends of our Catholic education system. The event is a launch to our annual Catholic Education Week
- Celebrating and delivering remarks at **St. Brigid Catholic School - Time Capsule Ceremony** in recognition of their 100th Anniversary
- Delivering remarks at the **Antiracism Conference** to Grade 7 to 12 TCDSB students
- Visiting Schools recognizing and celebrating **Exemplary Practice Awards** recipients: Immaculate Conception Catholic School, Josyf Cardinal Slipyj Catholic School, Monsignor Percy Johnson Secondary School, Notre Dame High School, St. Elizabeth Catholic School, St. Jerome Catholic School, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Academy, St. Maria Goretti Catholic School, St. Theresa Shrine Catholic School
- Participating in the **Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** at St. Conrad Catholic School
- Meeting with **His Eminence Cardinal Collins** and continuing our dialogue on matters of shared interests and partnership between home, school, and parishes throughout Toronto, and shared faith leadership
- Visiting **St. Michael's Choir School** and listening to our talented students during choir practice
- Participating in **St. Bonaventure's Volunteer Appreciation** reception and celebration

- Attending **Notre Dame Secondary School's** 80th Anniversary celebrations and community event
- Attending the **Emerging Young Artist Exhibit** at the Etobicoke Civic Centre Art Gallery, and the awards ceremony at Michael Power / St. Joseph High School
- Looking forward to continuing to connect with our TCDSB Community through our monthly "**Lunch with the Director**" series live streamed on Facebook and YouTube at the next opportunity on May 27
- Participating and contributing to **provincial leadership conversations** with **Directors of Education and Health Officials** from across the province in support of TCDSB staff, students, and families, and to influence public policy decisions in support of education and health care