



Ms. Angela Gauthier
Director of Education
Toronto Catholic District School Board
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Dear Ms. Gauthier,

I have been informed that the Toronto Catholic District School Board will be constructing a new Catholic elementary school in the Railway Lands area of downtown Toronto. As part of that process, I am grateful that the board consulted with the local pastor and community members in discerning a name for the new school.

I am most pleased to provide my support of Bishop MacDonell Catholic Elementary School as the preferred name for this new centre of learning. This is a fitting tribute to the first Roman Catholic Bishop of Upper Canada and a reminder of those who first nurtured the seeds of faith in our community.

May God bless all those working to bring this new school to completion. Be assured of my continued prayers for each member of our community that has been entrusted to journey with our young people in publicly funded Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Thomas Card. Collins

Thomas Cardinal Collins
Archbishop of Toronto

cc. Bishop Robert Kasun, Auxiliary Bishop, Central Pastoral Region
Rev. Fernando Couto, Pastor, St. Mary's Parish