



**DURHAM CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**
Learning and Living in Faith

Memorandum

To: Board of Trustees
From: Tracy Barill, Director of Education
Date: May 25, 2021
Subject: **Correspondence**

Recommendation

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the following correspondence:

- Letter to His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins dated May 14, 2021 regarding June Devotion to the Sacred Heart.”

Rationale

As attached.

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Attachment: Letter dated May 14, 2021



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His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins
Archdiocese of Toronto
Catholic Pastoral Centre
1155 Yonge Street
Toronto, Ontario, M4T 1W2

Your Eminence:

Thank you for your letter of March 23, 2021 entreating the Catholic Community and most specifically the Catholic School Boards in the Archdiocese of Toronto to engage in a special Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus during the month of June.

The insights and knowledge you shared through your pastoral letter, Heart Speaks to Heart, provided thoughtful inspiration on “the sacrificial and compassionate love of Christ” revealed to us through His Sacred Heart.

In response to your invitation, our staff have been working to create a Board-wide plan to encourage all members of the Durham Catholic District School Board community to join in this spiritual devotion.

Hosted by the Faith Formation department, we will continue our system-wide weekly gathering of virtual ‘Together In Prayer’. For the month of June, we will inspire a greater devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as we pray the Sacred Heart Chaplet; offer live Adoration with the help of one of our local parishes (St. Isaac Jogues); Taizé prayer also with the support from a local parish (Holy Family) and Christian guided meditation on the Sacred Heart.

Our educators will also be provided with additional resources to celebrate this devotion at the classroom level through activities, prayers and reflections from our Religion and Family Life Academic Services consultant.

Throughout the month we will work with our Communications Department to share this prayerful message with our families and broader community.

We thank you for inspiring our community during these challenging times to join in dedication and reflection on the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sincerely,

Morgan Ste. Marie
Chair of the Board

Tracy Barill
Director of Education

cc: His Excellency Bishop Vincent Nguyen