



York Catholic District School Board

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Paschal mystery offers each of us a much-needed place of light where we are able to pause, refresh, and move forward joyfully to live our faith.

“God’s plan in Jesus is far bigger than our reckoning. Today, let us not be afraid to face the tomb of old certainties. Easter reveals God’s desire to transform our doubts, worries and fears into true experiences of the Spirit.”

-From a Message by Sr. Mary M. McGlone, Sisters of St. Joseph Carondelet

The passage above offers a beautiful reminder that we can gather strength and inspiration from the promise of Easter, a time when heaven and earth are most connected in the miracle of Christ’s resurrection.

Amidst another complicated year, our York Catholic community continues to grow stronger by seeking Jesus at every turn. Through prayer, discipleship and charitable acts our joyful collective stands firmly in faith.

During this Lenten period, we have been especially proud of students across the York Catholic District School Board who have participated with keen interest and open hearts in a wide variety of Easter-focused art projects, group conversations, inspiring social media outreach and fundraising activities. In addition to our perennial work in aid of the *ShareLife* program, campaigns including the *Third Annual Nurturing Hope Food Drive*, and *Loonie-Toonie Days For Ukraine* have been humbling examples of the powerful things we can do together.

Hand in hand with prayer and observance, Easter is also a time for families to enjoy the simple pleasures of spring.

In faith and fellowship, I invite you to join in this Easter prayer:

*God of Promise and God of Hope, who through your great mercy have granted us new birth through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we praise your wonderful name!
God of Glory and God of Might who through your great power have granted us new strength to endure all things through faith in Christ our risen King, we praise your wonderful name!
Glorified now, and for eternity.*

Together with the Board of Trustees, I wish you and your family a very Blessed Easter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Marchese".

Maria Marchese

Vice Chair of the Board (Trustee Vaughan Area 3)