

December 16, 2015

Dear Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

During this most joyous time of year, I wish to extend my thanks to each of you for the role you have played in celebrating the gift of a faith-filled education. Whether you are a parent, an educator or a staff member in a school or board office, you are an important part of our larger Catholic family and you help our children learn and grow in faith.

This year, our school communities are focussing on our annual theme Nurturing God's Family. We have seen our theme come alive throughout this Advent season as we demonstrate what it means to be part of a global family - a family called to reach out to brothers and sisters in need. In addition to the ongoing support of local charities and numerous social justice initiatives, many schools have joined the Archdiocese of Toronto to raise funds for Project Hope in support of Syrian refugees.

This Christmas let's celebrate the gift of faith, the joy of hope and the blessing of His love. May the miracle of Christmas fill your hearts.

Yours in Faith,



Brian Beal  
Director of Education

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



"I am bringing you good news of great joy  
for all the people." (Luke 2:10)