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Elizabeth Crowe, Chair of the Board, provided the Chair’s Board Report as part of the May 28, 2024 Regular Board Agenda. The topics

Committee Chair, J. Di Meo presented for receipt, Report No. 2024:02 of the Joint Board Consortium Committee meeting held on May

Associate Director, J. Sarna, presented a status report on the MYSP SMART Goal development l

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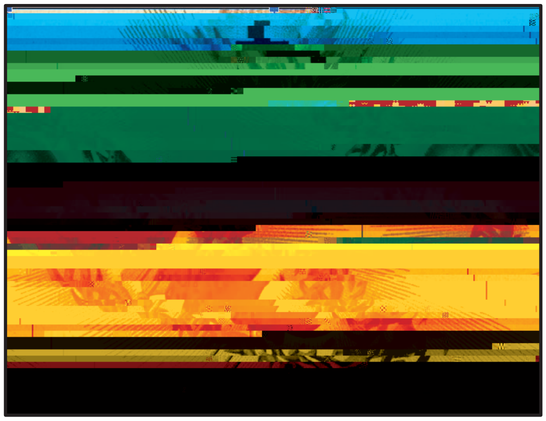
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Introduction - Who We Are



We are Dina De Santis and Josephine Piensos, YCDSB Teachers and members of the Catholic Faith Community.

We would like to present a proposal consisting of 4 Points aimed at expanding **Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus** in our YCDSB schools.

Proposal in our Delegation - Point # 1

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Point # 2 - The Meaning of the Image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

Thomas Collins, in his Pastoral Letter, ***Heart Speaks to Heart***, explains the meaning behind the image of the **Sacred Heart of Jesus:**

The **Sacred Heart** is portrayed as encircled by a **crown of thorns.** As with the wound in the heart, the crown of thorns reminds us that real love, faithful love, totally committed love for others, can lead to rejection and suffering.

It also reminds us that whenever people are mocked, marginalized, bullied or rejected in any way, the disciple of Jesus must be with them to care for them with the compassion of Christ. Christians in fact have been doing that, for two thousand years, and do so to this day, around the world and, unrecognized, in our own community.

Proposal in our Delegation - Point # 3

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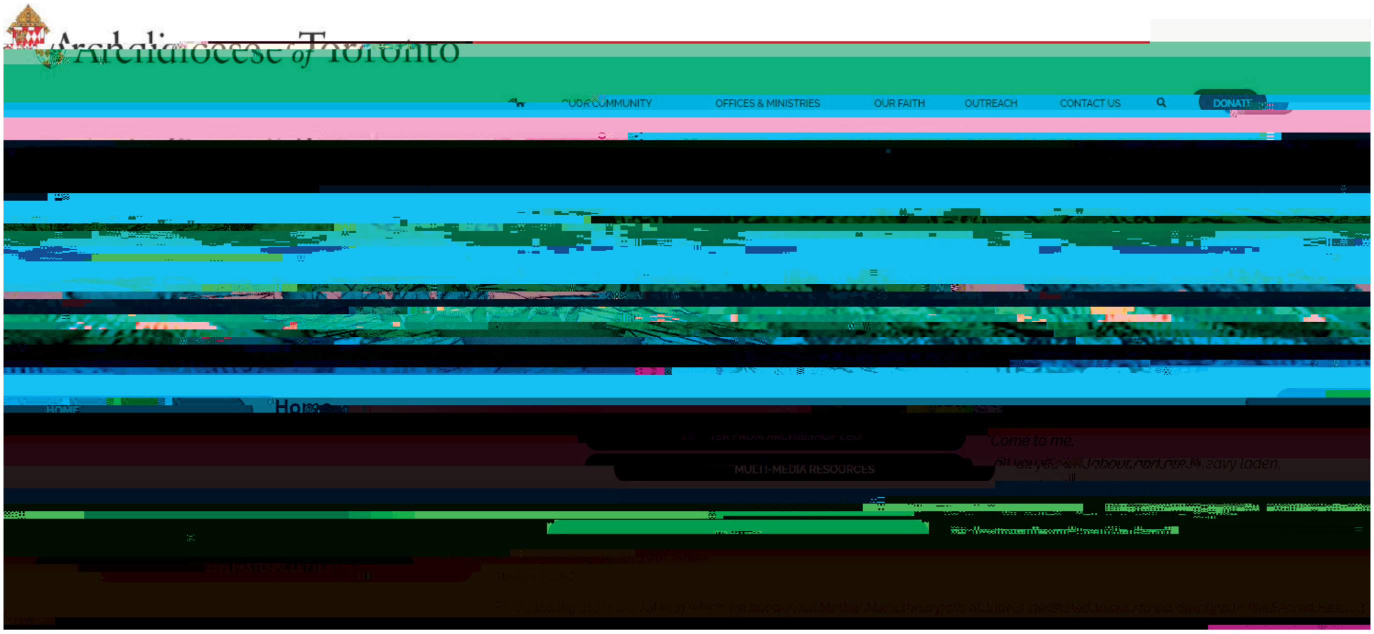
Point # 4 - Archdiocese of Toronto Resources

Archdiocese of Toronto Sacred Heart of Jesus Resources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LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO
MULTI-MEDIA RESOURCES
PASTORAL LETTER

"Come to me,
all you who labour and are heavy laden,

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Why Now? - 350th Jubilee (Dec. 27, 2023-June 27, 2025)

350th anniversary of the Apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St Margaret Mary in Paray-le-Monial

Why Now? - TCDSB Proclamation

The **Toronto Catholic District School Board** (TCDSB) has proclaimed that the **month of June be dedicated to the** Sacred Heart of Jesus, with the Solemnity of the Feast to be celebrated on the **2nd Friday of June** each year. This year it will **Friday June 7, 2024**. It states on the TCDSB website dedicated to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus:**

TCDSB Sacred Heart of Jesus (Proclamation & Resources):

Sacred Heart

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus from 1212-1672

Jesusô suffering because of peopleôs indifference

He told her that from the moment the Angels proclaimed His Incarnation to His triumph of the Cross, **His heart suffered constantly because of the sins of men**, those that had been committed from the beginning of time and would be until the end of time.

His greatest wound He said, was

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12 Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Jesus made Promises to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque with regard to His Sacred Heart:

1) I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2) I will give peace in their families.
3) I will console them in all their troubles.
4) I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.

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12 Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Contôd)

5) I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.
6) Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7) Tepid souls shall become fervent (souls who are lukewarm or donôt care).
8) Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.
9) **I will bless those places wherein the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.**

12 Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Cont’d)

10) I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.

11) I have their names eternally written in my Heart.

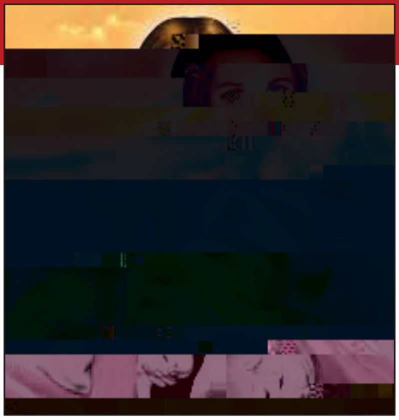
12) **In the excess of the mercy of My Heart, I promise you that My all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and My Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.**

What is Jesus Asking of Us Today?

Many devotions sprang up around the world from the Message given to St. Margaret Mary by Jesus.

The most well-known devotion is to attend **Mass and receive Holy Communion on the Nine First Fridays of**

The Morning Offering



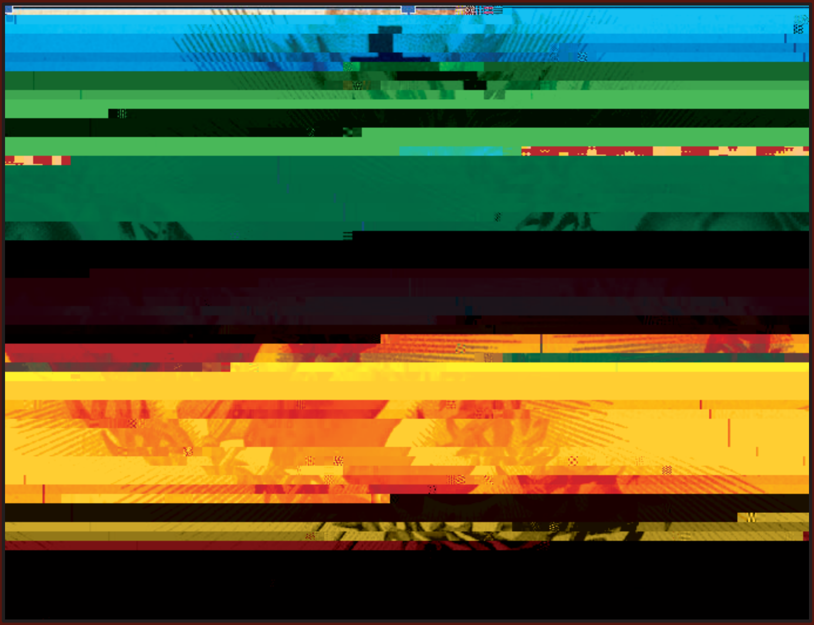
Sacred Heart of Jesus, through the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

I offer You my prayers, works, joys and
sufferings of this day

for all the intentions of Your **Sacred Heart**,

In union with the **Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** throughout the world,

In reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and
friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father.
Amen.



1880 Image of the Heart of Jesus

Summary of our Proposal - 4 Points

Let us place the whole YCDSB Community

in the Safe Refuge of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

feel supported. We need to go deeper. We need to find solutions rooted in our faith as Catholics who believe that all God’s children deserve to feel safe, included, and valued.

As a Catholic teacher, I value the distinct education that Catholic schools provide. We embed the tenets of the Catholic faith into our lessons and we invite students to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. In Romans Chapter 15 Verse 7, it is advised that we, “Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you”. Similarly, Father James Martin states that “It is impossible to experience a person’s life, or to be compassionate, if you do not listen to the person or if you do not ask questions.” We have the capacity to welcome and to have conversations with excluded students and staff, rather than assume what’s best for them.

I understand that a Motion was passed on January 30 of this year to Bring Peace to the YCDSB. I also understand the rationale behind the motion and I appreciate that the board recognizes that there is a lack of unity. However, I am concerned that in grouping everyone together in the "We are Diverse We are One in Christ" slogan, we are not truly seeing the diverse beauty among us. In addition, I understand that approximately $26, 000 has been spent on promotional materials such as stickers and banners, but I don’t believe that any amount of money spent on promotional items will bring unity to the YCDSB. There is no price tag on conversations and I am sure our excluded students and staff would appreciate a discussion to work together to bring peace to the YCDSB.

As a first step to bring unity and healing to the YCDSB I would like to invite everyone here today especially the Chair of the Board, the Board of Trustees and YCDSB Senior Administration to walk with me and other York Catholic Teachers at the York Pride Parade on Saturday, June 15 at 3:00pm in Newmarket.

I believe that the Board of Trustees and the YCDSB has the capability to live out its Mission and Vision statements by reconnecting with excluded students and staff, just as Jesus Christ has taught us. Connection is the best tool that can bring peace and unity to the YCDSB.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak to you tonight and I welcome any questions you may have.