

CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
OF EASTERN ONTARIO
A PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION
A CREDO

We believe:

- 1- That, as Catholics living in Ontario, we are committed to the promotion of a philosophy of Catholic education.
- 2- That, in living the Canadian reality, we are sensitive to Multiculturalism.
- 3- In the privileged position occupied by the culture and language of the two founding nations English and French.
- 4- In living according to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as stipulated by Canada, in living according to the Human Rights Code of Ontario and especially in promoting the recognition of the rights of the Child.
- 5- That the schools within the system should recognize the needs of and offer necessary services to the students according to individual differences.
- 6- In the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual dimensions of the person.
- 7- That parents have brought a child into this world as an act of love.
- 8- That each child is unique and wonderful.
- 9- That the school should be the logical educational extension of the home. The child begins to learn at home. What he/she learns and how he/she learns are intimately related to how his/her parents live.
- 10- That the Board will, at all times, promote respect for children, parents, trustees and all employees without exception.
- 11- That there should be a common Christian and Evangelical way of thinking for the whole system.
- 12- That the Board should ensure that all schools under its jurisdiction shall be institutions of enlightened change always in line with the principles espoused in the Gospel for life in modern society.
- 13- That the persons on staff in our Catholic schools must be more than professionals in their own respective fields. They must exemplify Christian consciousness, Christian outlook and Christian purpose in life.
- 14- That in all stages of his/her development a child's education, should provide for the fullest possible realization of his/her personality and potential.
- 15- That every child has a right to Catholic education that will permit the harmonious development of all aspects of his/her nature, both from his/her family and from the society of which he/she is a part. The responsibility for this education and development lies in the first place with the parents of the child.
- 16- That all Catholic parents have the right to have their children educated in a publicly funded Catholic school system.
- 17- In the doctrine and the teachings of the Catholic Church.