



## Director's Message



The New Year, 2012, is upon us. As I see all that is happening in the world I am reminded that we have much for which to be thankful. While reflecting upon 2011, we at the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board had to make some hard decisions, because of economic realities, that affected people's lives. Yet despite these hardships we have truly tried to *Build Bethlehem Everywhere* and *Walk in the Light of Christ*. For this I am truly grateful to our Trustees, staff, students, parents, clergy and volunteers.

As a result of our recent Faith Day experience, a day of caring, we from the Board Office, Trustees, and Mount St. Joseph Centre staff reached out to our brothers and sisters who use Vincent Place by providing a meal and fellowship on December 28th. While giving to others we also received the blessing of sharing in their lives, as we heard the stories of individuals who are less fortunate or who have also been affected by the economic crises affecting our world. We left with a sense of gratitude for our families and for our life circumstances at this present time. We will continue to pray that one day there will be equity for all and that peace and justice will reign, just as was promised by the Messiah who was given to us at Christmas.

As we begin 2012, let us be reminded that Jesus leaves it up to us to bring justice and peace, to be His hands and feet. We are called to teach those in our care what it means to be disciples of this Jesus. We teach by example what it means to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need. When we speak of need, we need to be inclusive of all people, not just the poor. Each of us carries our own struggles and as followers of Jesus, we are called to be mindful of our neighbour's needs. Jesus' message is that reaching out in LOVE is what will make the difference in our world.

So for 2012, I pray that the New Year will bring each of us to an awareness that we have much for which to be grateful. I pray that this attitude of gratitude will call us to continue our actions to make the world a better place for all. Lastly, I pray for each of our staff, students and families, that 2012 will be a year of health, happiness and many blessings.

God bless you as you begin this New Year.



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