



June 29, 2021

Re: Catholic Education Mass 2021 – September 1 – 6:00 p.m.

My dear friends, I pray that all of you are keeping well during these challenging days. As another unusual school year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you have done to persevere in order to help your students complete their studies. Your dedication is admirable and evidence that your vocation is a response to God's calling.

I wish to express my profound gratitude to all Catholic educators, faithfully serving as witnesses in our elementary and secondary schools and at the university level. I am fortunate enough to have seen first-hand your vocation alive and at work each day through your guidance, care and faithful example. We must never underestimate the impact that Catholic education plays in the formation of engaged, faith-filled young citizens.

Once again, I extend an invitation for you to join me for the 20th annual Education Mass which will be celebrated in St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at **6:15 pm. on Wednesday, September 1, 2021**. For those who cannot attend in person, the mass will be streamed and recorded. Access can be found at: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live. Please join me as we give thanks and pray for a successful new school year.

All Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto who are involved in education, from the pre-school to the post-secondary level, in publicly funded or independent schools, are encouraged to participate in this special celebration. Please feel to share this invitation with your fellow educators.

This year again, unfortunately, due to pandemic restrictions, we will not be able to have a dinner event as part of our Catholic Education Mass program. We look forward to the time when we can do so again.

Be assured of my ongoing gratitude and continued prayers for all those who reflect the example of Jesus in our schools. St. Michael the Archangel, patron saint of the Archdiocese of Toronto, pray for us.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Thomas Card. Collins

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