



Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board

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Dear Members of the Huron-Perth Catholic Community:

“When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him...” (Matthew 1.24)

When we hear the story of Mary and Joseph, we may not stop to think about what an amazing story it is. It is such a wonderful testament to faith in God and an example of strength of character.

How many of us can do in our hearts what we know is right when it seems out of step with the thinking or the culture of our time? It is hard to be different, to stand up for what you believe in or what you know is right. It is uncomfortable. It is so much easier to not get involved, to walk away and then try not to think about it.

Joseph did not walk away. When the angel came to him and told him that Mary was pregnant with the Son of God, he was strong enough to do in his heart what he knew was right.

Another lesson we can learn from Joseph is to listen for, watch for, and recognize the opportunities God puts in our path each day. We have to pay attention to what is happening around us. Sometimes the messages are subtle and given quietly. We have to be open to messages as Joseph was so as not to miss them.

Jesus, please help us to have the awareness of Joseph. Help us to see the opportunities and hear your directions as we go about our daily lives.

Have a great week.

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We are a Catholic School Board. We serve our students, working with the home, parish and school community to:

- *Nurture a Christ-centred environment;*
- *Provide student-focused learning opportunities;*
- *Support the growth of the whole person.*