



Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board

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Dear Members of the Huron-Perth Catholic Community:

Again today, I wish to share some thoughts for your reflection...

"Whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave." (Matthew 20:26-27)

Jesus teaches us about servant leadership. It is interesting that Jesus who is known as the Good Shepherd makes the link for us to the importance of service. During Jesus' time with us on earth, he modeled service and humility. It was never about him. His life was not easy. He was given many crosses as he tried to spread his message of love, compassion, humility, and service. Ultimately, his life's work resulted in his death on the cross. As sad as that is, without it, there would not have been his resurrection. Throughout it all, Jesus said, "not my will, Father, but yours."

When we commit to following Jesus, we know it will not always be easy. It is hard to be shepherds in a modern world. However, we have a wonderful model to follow. We also know as Jesus knew that when we live our lives as shepherds, doing God's work, caring for and in service of others, we have resurrection to look forward to.

Jesus, give us the strength to follow in your footsteps of humility and service. Help us to hear your direction and see the opportunities you place in our path.

God Bless you,

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