



Happy Easter

from the

Director

This is my favourite time of year. The snow will soon disappear, we're just back from a nice March Break rest, the grass will be green in a few weeks, and we are surrounded by the excitement of March madness and hockey pools.

The nervousness associated with beginning a new school year has long since passed. We are encouraged by the progress and confidence of our students, as well as the fruits of our efforts, not only in the classroom, but with many new projects and initiatives.

It is also my favourite time during the liturgical year. Last weekend, we celebrated Palm Sunday and heard the reading of the Passion of Jesus. As Holy Week unfolds and we approach the celebration of Easter Sunday, we are reminded of the power of the "Resurrection" and the Easter message of unconditional love.

The Easter story reminds us that we should look for Jesus in the bits and pieces of everyday life. We find Him in the depths of our own hearts, which is where He finds us. I find Him in my 35 years of marriage, in my children, Jake and Katie, when they come home this weekend for Easter and share new events in their careers and lives, as well as their relationships.

We especially find Him with one another in community. The Easter stories are mostly about the making of community, about the reality that we are all connected, that no one of us has to carry the whole load. We are people of hope, we become less afraid and more at home in our world, because we no longer stand alone.

"That same hour, they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together."

LUKE 24:33

The Easter story is about new beginnings. Resurrection is about new ways of being and living in the places and situations where we thought we failed. It is about love, it is about a Christ who is alive and who calls us each day to **"Believe, Love, Act – love your neighbor as yourself"** in ways that take us toward the realization of new possibilities.

I wish you a wonderful Easter with family and friends and, just as we do during every celebration of Eucharist, I extend my hand in gratitude and, with a big smile, I wish you the peace of the risen Christ.

Sincerely,

John Mackle
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION



"So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."

JOHN 11: 25-26