

## December message from your Brantford Trustees...

The Advent Season and a new Liturgical Year have arrived, and our Catholic community is busy with preparations to rejoice in the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our schools, offices and parishes gather in prayer, reflection and celebration. This is truly a joyful time of year during which we are reminded of the sanctity of life and the importance of faith and family in our day-to-day routines.

In the month of December, celebrations of our faith are all around us; there are school concerts, liturgies and other gatherings taking place across our school district. We congratulate and thank staff for their dedication and enthusiasm in planning these celebrations for our communities.

In the midst of all of the joy and celebration, we must remind ourselves that Christmas is not just a time for festivities. Christmas is more than that. It is a time for the contemplation of eternal things and reflection that this season can be a very difficult one for many, particularly those who are need.

Our Catholic traditions help us focus on the true meaning of the Advent Season. We display this by the virtue of charity and by selflessly giving to those who are less fortunate than us. We must always remember that the true spirit of Christmas is one of giving and forgiving.

As your Trustees for the City of Brantford, we wish you and your loved ones the peace of Christ at this very special time of year. May you experience the gift of faith and the blessing of hope during this holiday season.

A heartfelt Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you and thank you, once again, for your commitment and service to Catholic education.



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