



Proclamation:

January 23, 2023: Loretto Sisters (IBVM) Day in the TCDSB

Whereas: The 175th Anniversary of the arrival of the Loretto Sisters Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (IBVM) in Canada represents a significant opportunity to celebrate the Order's enormous contribution to Catholic education in Toronto;

Whereas: January 23 is the birthday of Mary Ward, the founder of the IBVM;

Whereas: Over the long history of the MSSB/TCDSB, at least 75 schools in the Board have been supervised, managed, and/or led by the Loretto Sisters;

Whereas: The Loretto Sisters were the first religious teachers in the newly formed diocese of Toronto;

Whereas: The impact of the Loretto Sisters remains evident to this day at IBVM- founded Loretto College, Loretto Abbey, St. Mother Teresa and Mary Ward, as these Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) schools continue to serve the Toronto Catholic school community;

Whereas: The Angel Foundation is the official charity of the TCDSB, and in partnership with the Loretto Sisters, raises critical monies for the Loretto Fund to support newcomer students entering TCDSB schools; and

Whereas: This Proclamation calls on students, staff and families to join together as a TCDSB community on January 23 to celebrate the rich legacy of the Loretto Sisters at IBVM-founded secondary schools and the many historically connected elementary schools.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) hereby proclaim Monday, January 23, 2023, and each January 23 annually thereafter, as Loretto Sisters Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (IBVM) Day.

DATE: January 12th 2023