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Dear Friend in Education,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you continue to do as a Catholic educator in our Archdiocese. Your vocation is an important one, which helps to shape and form the lives of our young people.

To celebrate and affirm this vocation, I would like to invite you to join me for this year's Education Mass, which will be celebrated on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at St. Paul's Basilica in Toronto at 6:30 p.m. This annual gathering provides an opportunity for all Catholic educators of the diocese to gather as one, united in the Eucharist. This mass is also an occasion to give thanks and to seek God's blessing for the coming academic year.

All Catholics of the Archdiocese who labour in the vineyard of education, from the pre-school to the post-secondary level, whether in Catholic, public or private institutions, are invited to join us and pray for one another in our common ministry. This is a Eucharistic celebration for teachers, and all those who, in various ways, play a role in supporting teachers in their vocation.

Following mass we will also have a dinner for those who wish to join us where we will continue our fellowship and reflection (see flyer for additional details). By sending this communication to you in June, I wanted you to have ample time to schedule this important event in your calendar.

I look forward to gathering with the educational community on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and would be most pleased if you could join us. Thank you for all that you continue to do to bear witness, to collaborate and contribute to the critical vocation of education.

Yours sincerely in the Lord,

*+ Thomas Collins*

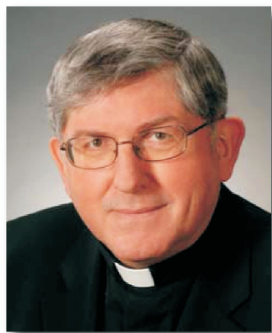
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# The 8th Annual Education Mass

All Catholic educators of the archdiocese and those who support teachers are invited to pause before the new academic year and gather together for a celebration of the Eucharist.

**Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 6:30 pm**  
**Saint Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St.**  
**(off Queen St, just east of Parliament)**



**Celebrant:**  
**The Most Reverend Thomas Collins**  
**Archbishop of Toronto**

Following the mass, there will be a dinner in the parish hall after which Archbishop Thomas Collins will speak on the topic of  
**"Scripture and Education"**

Tickets for the dinner are \$45 each.

Please e-mail your requests for dinner reservations to [barry.white@tcdsb.org](mailto:barry.white@tcdsb.org).  
Cheques can be made out to "The Catholic Teachers Guild" and mailed  
c/o Barry White, 80 Sackville St. Toronto, Ontario M5A 3E5

**All are welcome!**