

Remembrance Day: Honouring Sacrifice, Embracing Peace

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God"

(Matthew 5.9).

Every November, we pause as a community of faith and learning to remember those who have served and sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. Remembrance Day invites us not only to look back in gratitude but also to reflect on the courage, compassion, and hope that sustain our nation.

At Edmonton Catholic Schools, we gather in prayer and remembrance to honour veterans, active service members, and all who have given of themselves in the pursuit of peace and justice. Their legacy reminds us that peace is both a gift and a responsibility; something we are called to nurture in our schools, homes, churches, and hearts.

As followers of Christ, we understand that peace begins within each of us and extends outward through our actions of love, understanding, and forgiveness. Our classrooms and communities are places where the lessons of peace take root - in the ways we listen to one another, stand up for what is right, and show compassion to those in need. This Remembrance Day, we are invited to recommit ourselves to serving as peacemakers in our world and to help build God's Kingdom of justice and mercy.

Loving God, we thank You for the gift of peace and for the courage of all who have worked to protect it. May we honour their sacrifice by living as peacemakers in our daily lives. Help us to sow seeds of kindness, forgiveness, and hope, so that Your peace may flourish in our hearts and in our world. Amen.

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