



**AN OPEN LETTER
FROM THE TEACHERS AT
FATHER JOHN REDMOND
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
TO PARENTS**

Dear Parents:

In the dispute between the teachers and the Toronto District Catholic School Board, much of what is important to us as teachers has been lost. Mr. Johnson talks about teaching time as if that is all that is important. The Minister does not seem to be aware that tutoring, mentoring, extra-curricular activities and the personal contacts that make for school spirit are the intangibles that cannot be quantified in a school day; but, they are the elements that contribute to a student's overall sense of self-worth, dignity and self-esteem. We are about these. We want our students to feel right about themselves. We want to see them grow into healthy, confident and accomplished young men and women ready to partake in all of the benefits and challenges the world has to offer. To do this we need the time and resources to do the best job we possibly can.

If you feel as we do, please call Mr. Johnson (326-9190 or 752-2005), and Mr. Martino (222-9282 ext. 2660) and tell them you want a settlement that is in the best interests of your sons and daughters and which allows teachers to do a meaningful job. Ask Mr. Martino as well to end the school board's lockout of its teachers so that we can all get back to school as soon as possible and begin again to do our important work with your children. We miss them.

Sincerely,

The staff at Fr. John Redmond C.S.S.