

## A Letter from Richmond Hill

Dear students of DFC,

Happy Valentine's Day! I hope you have all been doing well in your studies! It's always nice to receive a Valentine's day card, but it's nicer to know the people who gave it to you - so here is a little bit about us and what we stand for!

I have attended Richmond Hill United Church (RHUC) for my entire life. Our congregation has been in close contact with DFC for a number of years now. In recent years, I have volunteered my time to help with various events. From the winter coat drive our church works on all winter to creating birthday cards, I was eager to help my church in the DFC outreach project. So much so, in fact, that I decided to get my school involved as well.

I'm from a school called Saint Therese of Lisieux - a catholic school just north of Toronto. The Valentines cards were made as part of a council event; my friends and I are part of a council called Social Justice council. We have many events throughout the year, our biggest being a school wide food drive. This year we collected over 18,000 items to donate to our local food banks. My council and I are always looking for new events to help the community and meet new people and I sincerely hope that we can remain in contact in the future.

My school, myself included, is a strong supporter of the Little Way. After learning about this viewpoint on life, I have always tried to embody it in my actions. "Do ordinary things with extraordinary love." I hope these Valentines day cards find you with extraordinary love. They may be rather ordinary homemade cards, but I am sure all of you will be able to feel the immense care and love that went into each and every one. When an ordinary act is done with extraordinary love, it has the potential to change the world. Not all at once, but it can change someone's day. It can change someone else's world. And when a single person's world is

changed, the whole world is different. And so I leave you with a single request. Try to live out the Little Way of Saint Therese. I challenge you to do the ordinary with a very UNordinary amount of love. Because it's only love allows everyone to win.

Sincerely,

Matthew Warrick