

## **TREATY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Catholic social teaching upholds that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God and, therefore, has inherent dignity. No human being should experience one's personal dignity compromised. Since oppression and injustice make it impossible to live a life commensurate with dignity, it is important for our educational communities to recognize historical conditions.

Acknowledgment of preexisting Indigenous Territories is one way of honouring and showing respect for Indigenous groups. When acknowledgment of Indigenous Territories shall occur, the Board shall use the following statement:

“We are a party to Treaty 6 and as such we wish to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 Territory and a traditional meeting ground for many Indigenous peoples. We recognize the diversity of First Nations who have, at one time, lived across the territory, as well as the presence of the Métis Nation.”