



# Parent Partner

Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Newsletter

Father's Day 2015

God our  
Father...



**We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.**

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

God of  
compassion...



We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.



God of  
peace...



We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Happy Father's Day !!

The idea of a special day to honour fathers and celebrate fatherhood was introduced from the United States. A woman called Sonora Smart Dodd was inspired by the American Mother's Day celebrations and planned a day to honour fathers. The first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane, Washington on June 19, 1910. Father's Day has become increasingly popular throughout North America and other parts of the world.