

Artists' Note

When asked to design a poster based on the theme "Shining Our Light," we wanted to create a design that clearly places Christ at the centre of our faith and reminds us that we are called to share His light with others. The illuminated cross within the lantern is the central focus of the poster, symbolizing Jesus as the Light of the World and the source from which our own light shines. Just as a lantern guides people through darkness, Christ calls us to live lives of faith, hope and service so that others may experience His love through our words and actions.

The vibrant colours surrounding the lantern represent the hope, faith and energy found within our Catholic school communities. We chose deep navy blue for the words "Shining Our" to represent the midnight sky, reminding us that God remains with us even in our darkest moments. The word "Light," transitioning from yellow through orange to red, reflects the journey of the sun from sunrise to sunset, symbolizing that Christ's light is constant throughout every stage of our lives.

The lantern itself was intentionally designed with an aged and imperfect appearance. We wanted it to remind viewers that God does not wait for us to be perfect before He uses us. Like the lantern, each of us carries marks of our own experiences, challenges and growth, yet Christ's light continues to shine through us. Our imperfections do not diminish God's presence; instead, they remind us that His grace works through ordinary people who choose to follow Him.

The five stars surrounding the design represent the five regions of the Durham Catholic District School Board and celebrate the many communities united through one shared faith and mission.

The scripture passage was set in a clean, medium-weight accessible typeface to provide a strong theological foundation while remaining easy to read for a wide range of learners. We also selected a warm cream background that adds warmth without competing with the artwork, while maintaining strong contrast and accessibility for both printed and digital viewing.

Finally, the Durham Catholic District School Board logo is positioned at the foundation of the composition to represent our shared identity as a Catholic learning community rooted in faith, vocation, mission and service. Together with the cross found within the Board's logo, it reinforces that Christ remains at the centre of everything we do and reminds us of our shared responsibility to let His light shine through our words, actions and everyday lives.

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