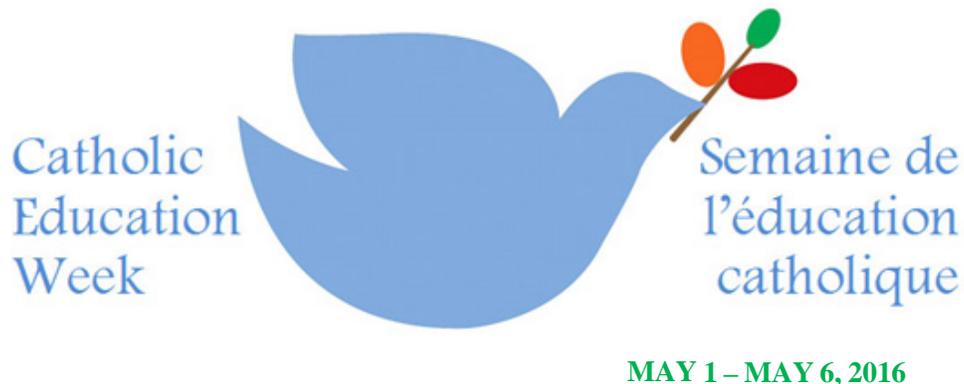


# **FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL RESOURCE PACKAGE**

**September 2015**



**CATHOLIC EDUCATION:  
Opening Doors of Mercy**

**L'EDUCATION CATHOLIQUE:  
ouvrir des portes de miséricorde**

## INTRODUCTION

The new school year offers us an opportunity to reflect upon our personal, professional and spiritual growth and to set some new goals.

The theme chosen for the upcoming 2016 Catholic Education Week is:

**Catholic Education: *Opening Doors of Mercy***  
**L'éducation catholique: *ouvrir des portes de miséricorde***

Pope Francis has declared 2016 a “Holy Year of Mercy” as a way for the Catholic Church to “make more evident its mission to be a witness of mercy”. The year will be celebrated from December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016. Throughout the year there will be a series of jubilee celebrations on the theme of mercy for teenagers, deacons, the sick and disabled, prisoners, catechists and clergy. As well, Pope Francis will open the Vatican’s Holy Door on December 8. The Holy Door is opened to evoke the concept of forgiveness, which is the main focus of a Holy Year.

The theme of human sin and God’s mercy is illustrated in 15 of the 16 bronze panels that make up the current Vatican door, with episodes from both the Old and New Testament, including the Fall of Adam and Eve, the Annunciation, and the merciful Father and the Prodigal Son.

Catholic Education Week 2016 combines both the theme of mercy and the act of opening doors of reconciliation, mercy, and forgiveness to all around us.

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2016 are as follows:

- Monday:      **Mercy that Welcomes** – (*Jesus and the Woman at the Well, John 4:1-42*)  
                 **La miséricorde qui accueille** – (*Jésus et la Samaritaine, Jean 4:1-42*)
- Tuesday:     **Mercy that Loves** – (*The Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37*)  
                 **La miséricorde qui aime** – (*Le bon Samaritain, Luc 10:25-37*)
- Wednesday: **Mercy that Forgives** – (*The Prodigal Son, Luke 15:11-32*)  
                 **La miséricorde qui pardonne** – (*L’enfant prodigue, Luc 15:11-32*)
- Thursday:    **Mercy that Lives the Gospel** – (*Zacchaeus, Luke 19:1-10*)  
                 **La miséricorde qui vit l’Évangile** – (*Zachée, Luc 19:1-10*)
- Friday:       **Mercy that Rejoices** – (*Healing of the Paralytic, Luke 5:17-26*)  
                 **La miséricorde qui rend grâce** – (*La guérison du paralyse, Luc 5:17-26*)



## **Overall Theme Prayer for Catholic Education Week 2016**

### **Catholic Education Week Prayer**

God of Love and compassion,

help us to open the door of mercy in our school communities,  
in our families and in the world.

Let mercy guide our living and bring us closer to the heart of the gospel.

May we live as Jesus with mercy that welcomes, loves, forgives  
and calls us to live the gospel joyfully. +Amen.

### **Prière pour la semaine de l'éducation catholique**

Dieu d'amour et de compassion,

Aide-nous à ouvrir des portes de miséricorde dans nos communautés scolaires,  
dans nos familles et dans le monde.

Que ta miséricorde guide nos vies et nous conduise au cœur de l'Évangile.

Comme ton fils Jésus, que nous vivions de cette miséricorde

qui accueille à bras ouverts, aime sans compter et pardonne sans détour;

car c'est par ta miséricorde que tu nous appelles à te suivre dans la joie. +Amen.



## **PRAYERS FOR THE OPENING WEEK OF SCHOOL, ELEMENTARY SEPTEMBER 2015**

### **Tuesday, September 8 - Mercy that Welcomes - La miséricorde qui accueille**

God of Goodness and Mercy,

Help us to be like the Good Samaritan. Open our hearts to hear your voice calling us to do good for others. May we be instruments of peace and God's mercy for each other and may we be always willing to stop on our way to help another.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our teacher and friend. Amen+

### **Wednesday, September 9 - Mercy that Loves - La miséricorde qui aime**

God of mercy and love,

You have blessed us with goodness and compassion.

Help us to open our hearts to the possibilities of this school year.

Guide us to see each other with your loving eyes.

Remind us to use thoughts, words, and actions that reflect love for our neighbour.

Make our school a place of warmth and acceptance, a place where all are welcome.

Invite us into your joyful and loving presence as we step together into this new school year filled with hope and promise. Amen+

### **Thursday, September 10 - Mercy that Forgives - La miséricorde qui pardonne**

Father of Mercy,

You sent your Son Jesus into the world to share your love for us.

Jesus taught us that you forgive us for all our sins, and that we should forgive others.

Even from the cross, he asked your forgiveness for those who helped in his death.

May his shining example of love help us to accept the gift of mercy that you offer to us, and to share that forgiveness with others.

Let this school year be for us a Holy Year of Mercy. Amen+



**Friday, September 11 - Mercy that Lives the Gospel - La miséricorde qui vit l'Évangile**

Loving and forgiving God,

You offer us mercy every day of this new school year.

We are blessed that we can welcome and  
celebrate this gift before we receive it.

As we strive to live the Gospel this new school year,  
may we be merciful and kind, patient and joyful.

We ask this through Jesus who is our brother and friend. Amen+



## **PRAYERS FOR THE OPENING WEEK OF SCHOOL, SECONDARY SEPTEMBER 2015**

### **Tuesday, September 8 - Mercy that Welcomes - La miséricorde qui accueille**

God of Goodness and Mercy,

Help us to be like the Good Samaritan. Open our hearts to hear your voice calling us to do good for others. May we be instruments of peace and God's mercy for each other and may we be always willing to stop on our way to help another.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our teacher and friend. Amen+

### **Wednesday, September 9 - Mercy that Loves - La miséricorde qui aime**

God of mercy and compassion,

We thank you for the gift of your unconditional love.

Through the parable of the Good Samaritan, you showed us how love can transcend all differences. As we begin this school year together, invite us to follow your inspiring example. Give us hearts that cry for those among us who are wounded by the side of the road. Give us hands that can help to heal their wounds. Give us feet that will walk with them to safety.

May our school community be a place of welcome in which strangers are invited to become friends.

Remind us, Lord, that the love we give to others is the greatest gift we can give to you. Bless us this day, O Lord, and bless our days together. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen+

### **Thursday, September 10 - Mercy that Forgives - La miséricorde qui pardonne**

Merciful God,

You sent your Son Jesus to bring forgiveness into the world.

He shared that message in his stories of the Prodigal Son and the Lost Sheep, and he demonstrated it, even in the midst of his passion, by forgiving those who nailed him to the cross.

In our own sinfulness, give us the grace to accept the gift of your Father's mercy, and to extend it to those who have hurt or wronged us.

Help us to be open to receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a concrete experience of God's desire to bring us closer to him in love.

Let the beginning of this year be a worthy preparation for the Holy Year of Mercy. Amen+



**Friday, September 11 - Mercy that Lives the Gospel - La miséricorde qui vit l'Évangile**

Gracious God,

Pope Francis invites us to celebrate a Holy Year of Mercy.

During this Jubilee may our mercy welcome everyone.

May our mercy be loving and forgiving.

Throughout these days may we live the gospel more faithfully  
and rejoice that God's kingdom is growing in our midst.

Let us open doors of mercy every day of this year of grace. Amen+



## LITURGY PLANNING GUIDE FOR OPENING THE DOORS OF MERCY FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

### Suggested Readings – Readings for the Liturgy of the Day as taken from the Ordo 2015-2016

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Thematic Readings
<b>First Reading</b>	Rm. 8:28-30	Col. 3:1-11	Col. 3:12-17	1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14	1 Peter 1:3-5
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps. 135,6 (R. With delight I rejoice in the Lord.)	Ps. 145: 2-3, 10-11, 12-13a (R. The Lord is compassionate to all creatures.)	Ps. 150: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (R. Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.)	Ps. 16: 1-2a +5, 7-8, 11 (R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.)	Ps. 25: 1-2, 4-5, 6-7 (R. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord.)
<b>Gospel</b>	Mt. 1:1-6, 18-23	Lk. 4:38-44	Lk. 6:27-38	Lk. 6:39-42	Matt. 5:3-9

### Suggested Music

All Are Welcome ~ Marty Haugen  
 Bread for the World ~ Bernadette Farrell  
 The Servant Song ~ Richard Gillard  
 The Spirit Sends Us Forth ~ Azmon  
 Here I Am, Lord ~ Dan Schutte  
 God Has Chosen Me ~ Bernadette Farrell  
 Take My Hands ~ Sebastien Temple  
 You Are the Healing ~ Scott Soper  
 This Alone ~ Tim Manion  
 There Is A Longing ~ Anne Quigley  
 With All The Saints ~ Bob Hurd  
 Blessed Be The Lord ~ Dan Schutte  
 We Are Called ~ David Haas  
 Lead Me, Lord ~ John D. Becker  
 We Belong To You ~ Trevor Thomson  
 Remember Your Love ~ Darryl Ducote & Gary Daigle  
 With the Lord ~ Michael Joncas  
 Healing Waters ~ Trevor Thomson

Seek Ye First ~ Karen Lafferty  
 You Are Mine ~ David Haas  
 Eye Has Not Seen ~ Marty Haugen  
 The Lord Is Kind and Merciful ~ Rick Modim  
 Love One Another ~ Bob Dufford, SJ  
 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy ~ In Babilone  
 We Remember ~ Marty Haugen  
 The Eyes and Hands of Christ ~ Tom Kendzia  
 Litany of Peace ~ Barbara Bridge  
 Lift Up Your Hearts ~ Roc O'Connor, SJ  
 Sing of the Lord's Goodness ~ Ernest Sands  
 Whatsoever You Do ~ Willard F. Jabusch  
 Blest Are They ~ David Haas  
 Beatitudes ~ Darryl Ducote  
 River of Glory ~ Dan Schutte  
 Loving and Forgiving ~ Scott Soper  
 Bring Forth the Kingdom ~ Marty Haugen



## **Prayer of the Faithful**

Our response to each prayer is: *Lord, hear our prayer*

As we begin this new school year of learning, be with us God, we pray. **R**

As we begin this new year, help us to be full of mercy, we pray. **R**

As we begin this new year, help us welcome those new to our school, we pray. **R**

As we begin this new year, help us to be loving and forgiving with our family and classmates, we pray. **R**

As we begin this new year, help us to be faithful to living the Gospel message, we pray. **R.**

As we begin this new year, may our relationship with You, God, give us reasons to rejoice, we pray. **R**



# PLANNING SHEET FOR EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Occasion/Feast: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Presider: \_\_\_\_\_

Altar Server(s): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Minister(s) of Hospitality: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Greeting by: \_\_\_\_\_

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

- a) Gathering Song \_\_\_\_\_ Sung \_\_\_
- b) Greeting and Opening Prayer (Celebrant)
- c) Penitential Rite (Celebrant)
- d) Gloria \_\_\_\_\_ Omitted \_\_\_ Spoken \_\_\_ Sung \_\_\_

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

- a) First Reading \_\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Responsorial Psalm \_\_\_\_\_ Sung \_\_\_
- c) Second Reading (*Optional*) \_\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Gospel Acclamation \_\_\_\_\_ Sung \_\_\_
- e) Gospel \_\_\_\_\_
- f) Homily \_\_\_\_\_
- g) Creed (*may be omitted*) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) Prayer of the Faithful by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Response:* \_\_\_\_\_

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

- a) Presentation of the Gifts  
Song \_\_\_\_\_ Sung \_\_\_  
Gifts Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Preface (Celebrant)
- c) Holy Holy \_\_\_\_\_ Sung \_\_\_
- d) Memorial Acclamation \_\_\_\_\_ Sung \_\_\_
- e) Doxology \_\_\_\_\_ Sung \_\_\_
- f) Great Amen \_\_\_\_\_ Sung \_\_\_
- g) Lord's Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ Sung \_\_\_
- h) Sign of Peace/Lamb of God \_\_\_\_\_ Sung \_\_\_
- i) Communion (Eucharistic Minister) \_\_\_\_\_  
Extraordinary Minister(s) of the Eucharist \_\_\_\_\_

## CONCLUSION

- a) Blessing and Dismissal \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Concluding Song \_\_\_\_\_ Sung \_\_\_

