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TO: Chairpersons and Directors of Education
- All Catholic District School Boards

FROM: Nick Milanetti, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Catholic Education Week Kit for the First Week of School

The 2020 Catholic Education Week Committee is pleased to make available to our Catholic schools, a **First Week of School Kit** which contains prayers for each day of the opening week of school and possible readings and songs for the celebration of the Eucharist.

Our theme for Catholic Education Week 2020 is:

Catholic Education: *Igniting Hope*
L'éducation catholique: *Allumer la flamme de l'espérance*

May I request your assistance in making a copy of the **First Week of School Kit** available to all schools in your board.

Thank you for your ongoing, generous cooperation and support for publicly-funded Catholic education.



PROMOTING AND PROTECTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION

**FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL
RESOURCE PACKAGE**



SEPTEMBER 2019

INTRODUCTION

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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 2020 Catholic Education Week is:

Catholic Education: *Igniting Hope*
L'éducation catholique: *Allumer la flamme de l'espérance*

Catholic Education Week is held each year in May in our 29 Ontario Catholic school boards. It will run from May 3 – May 8, 2020.

The theme for CEW 2019, *Igniting Hope*, was inspired by three sources:

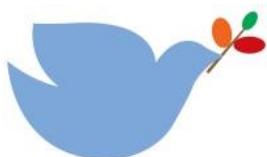
- The recent Papal Exhortation, *Christus Vivit*, by Pope Francis following the 2018 Synod of Bishops on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment
- The recent Ontario Bishops' pastoral letter, *Renewing the Promise* (2018)
- The *Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations* by the Institute for Catholic Education (2011)

At this time, we felt it was important to celebrate the good work and hope of Catholic education now and in the future.

A big thank you to the consultants from eight of our English and French Catholic boards who worked together to craft the 2020 CEW theme and sub-themes. These writers will also be producing resources for our Catholic school boards for Advent and for Catholic Education Week in May 2020.

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2020 are as follows:

- Monday: **Our Hope in Christ / Notre espérance, c'est le Christ**
- Tuesday: **The Hope Within Us / L'espérance en nous**
- Wednesday: **The Hope Among Us / L'espérance au milieu de nous**
- Thursday: **Hope for the World / L'espérance pour le monde**
- Friday: **A Future Full of Hope / Un avenir rempli d'espérance**



Overall Theme Prayer for Catholic Education Week 2020

Catholic Education Week Prayer

Loving God,

You sent your Son, Jesus, to be our hope. We feel his promised Spirit at work within us; We recognize his risen presence among us as we gather in his name in prayer, and celebrate the Eucharist. He is the hope which inspires us to share as members of the Catholic educational community, in your church's mission to announce the Good News to the whole world. We thank you for the gift of Catholic education. May it continue to be a place where Christ ignites within us, an abiding confidence, in a future filled with hope.

We make this prayer through the same Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Prière pour la semaine de l'éducation catholique

Dieu d'amour et de bonté,

Tu as envoyé ton Fils Jésus pour qu'il soit notre espérance. Nous sentons l'Esprit qu'il nous a promis à l'œuvre en nous. Nous reconnaissons sa présence vivante parmi nous lorsque nous prions en son nom et célébrons l'eucharistie. Il est l'espérance qui nous rassemble en tant que communauté scolaire catholique pour prendre part à la mission de l'Église d'annoncer la Bonne Nouvelle au monde. Nous te rendons grâce pour ce cadeau qu'est l'éducation catholique. Qu'à travers elle, le Christ allume en nous l'espérance en l'avenir dont il est le maître.

Lui qui vit et règne pour les siècles des siècles.

Amen.



PRAYERS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL, ELEMENTARY – SEPTEMBER 2019

Tuesday, September 3

The Hope Within Us – L'espérance en nous

God of all that is good,

We give thanks to you today for the many blessings that await us this year. Remind us of the hope that lies within each one of us, and ignite this hope so that we may be a source of light and strength to everyone we meet. Help us to shine with faith and courage. Guide us to reflect your love in all that we say and do. Warm us with the joy that comes from knowing that with you, all things are possible. We look forward to a year full of promise and potential.

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

Amen.

Wednesday, September 4

The Hope Among Us – L'espérance au milieu de nous

Loving God,

You have given your children many gifts. We celebrate our diversity as your family. You give us hope. You are always here among us. Give us eyes to see the beauty in each person we meet and to see that you have created your children in goodness and love. Give us wisdom to know that our hope lies in our shared faith in you and in the love we receive through your son, Jesus. Help us to always walk in your light, with hope in the goodness of our community.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our brother and friend.

Amen.

Thursday, September 5

Hope for the World – L'espérance pour le monde

God of all people,

You give us hope for the future. Your gift is Jesus, your Son, who brings your love and care to our world. There is nothing that his love cannot overcome. Today we pray that all will know that love brings hope for the world. Help us all to live like Jesus, bringing peace and goodness to our community. Help us to love like Jesus, to become messengers of this hope to all.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, prince of peace.

Amen.

Friday, September 6

A Future Full of Hope – Un avenir rempli d'espérance

Dear Lord of life and hope,

Thank you for the many blessings you bestow upon us, and the ones that are yet to come. Today we take the time to honour and remember, that through your life, death and resurrection, you breathe hope into our world. We live knowing that each day is a new day, and that the future offers us endless opportunities.

Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL, SECONDARY – SEPTEMBER 2019

Tuesday, September 3

The Hope Within Us – L'espérance en nous

Jesus, teacher and guide,

We enter into this new school year with our hearts filled with hope; for personal growth, loving relationships, memorable experiences, and success in our achievements during the year ahead. Open our hearts to truly see you as our shepherd, and to know that you are a constant guiding light along our path. When times are difficult, help us to find strength in the saving story of our Christian faith; that sin, human weakness and conflict are part of the human journey, and that the cross, the ultimate sign of forgiveness, is at the heart of our redemption. Call us into prayer and worship, so that your life within us can be nurtured and we can become more fully the persons you have called us to be.

We ask this of you, through your Holy Spirit, in the power of God, your Father and ours.

Amen.

Wednesday, September 4

The Hope Among Us – L'espérance au milieu de nous

God of goodness, Lord of love,

In the midst of a world that is often confusing and frightening, we look to you with confidence, knowing that your love always accompanies, inspires and empowers us. Help us to realize that we are not alone on this journey – that we are part of the larger human family, and that you call us to work together to bring healing, renewal and transformation to our world. Do not let us become discouraged by the things that are wrong, but give us wisdom to know how to make things right, by thoughts, words and actions, that are pleasing to you. May we have the vision and the energy to reach out in loving, supportive ways, and to do our part in your plan to make all things new through Jesus, our brother and our Lord, for we pray in his name.

Amen.

Thursday, September 5

Hope for the World – L'espérance pour le monde

Creator God, Lord of all the earth,

We can't help but be aware of refugees having to leave their homes and countries, entire species of plants and animals dying off, people being victimized by terrorism, and the gap between the rich and poor continuing to grow. You remind us that there is more grace in our world than sin, and that hope is essential in facing all the challenges we meet. Give us the wisdom and strength we need to be caring members within our family and responsible citizens within our community. Help us to protect our common home, to stand up for those in trouble, and to look upon them with tenderness and love, and to open up a horizon of hope within our world. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord.

Amen.

Friday, September 6

A Future Full of Hope – Un avenir rempli d'espérance

God of hope and goodness,

Keep us ever close to your truth. When we look to a future full of hope, we know that you will be our guide and support when challenges and changes face us. Fill us with your energy of your light, so that we may be a visible sign of the times to our world. Open our eyes to the goodness surrounding us; let us affirm and give thanks for all that holds hope and a promise for a future in the world as we know it can be. May the Spirit enliven our actions and inspire us to be beacons of hope.

We make this prayer in the name of the Incarnate Hope, Jesus, our friend and brother.

Amen.

LITURGY PLANNING GUIDE FOR *IGNITING HOPE* FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Suggested Readings

Readings for the Liturgy of the Day as taken from the Ordo 2019-2020

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Thematic Readings
First Reading	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11	1 Cor 3:1-9	1 Cor 3:18-23	1 Cor 4:1-5	Corinthians 3:12 Jeremiah 29:11
Psalm	Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 (*seasonal weekday)	Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21	Ps 24:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6	Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40	Ps 81 Ps 66 Ps 89 CBW III
Gospel	Luke 4:31-37	Luke 4:38-44	Luke 5:1-11	Luke 5:33-39	Luke 24:32 Mark 12:24

Suggested Music

All My Hope on God is Founded ~ CBW III, #479
 Something Which is Known ~ Gregory Norbert, CBW III, #393
 Blest Are They ~ David Haas
 Be Not Afraid ~ Bob Dufford, CBW III, #481
 We Walk by Faith ~ Marty Haugen, CBW III, #495
 Our Hope is in the Lord ~ Daniel L. Schutte, Celebrate in Song, #6.36
 Christ be Our Light ~ Bernadette Farrell, Celebrate in Song, #6.31
 We Shall Go Out ~ June Boyce Tillman, Celebrate in Song, #6.25
 The Hand of the Lord Feeds Us ~ Steven R. Janco, Celebrate in Song, #6.3
 Bread for the World ~ Bernadette Farrell, Celebrate in Song, #6.1
 Go Light Your World ~ Chris Rice, Spirit and Song 1, #112
 Go Make a Difference ~ Steve Angrisano, Spirit and Song 1, #113
 We are the Light of the World ~ Jean Anthony Greif, Spirit and Song 1, #143
 Come to the Lord ~ Steve Angrisano, Spirit and Song 1, #151
 We are One Body ~ Dana, Spirit and Song 1, #165

Prayer of the Faithful

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

As we begin this new school year of learning, help us to live in the hope of the Resurrection of Jesus, we pray. ***R.***

As we begin this new year, strengthen our spirits so that we may bring the hope of God's love to others, we pray. ***R.***

As we begin this new year, give us a welcoming spirit, reaching out to those who are new to our community, we pray. ***R.***

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

As we begin this new year, give us eyes to see the light of hope so that we may achieve great things, we pray. ***R.***

As we begin this new year, may we look to Jesus, who ignites hope within us, to show us how to live with compassion for others, 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 ___