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

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SUBJECT: **Catholic Education Week – May 3 – May 8, 2020**
“Catholic Education: Igniting Hope”

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

As we approach the Advent season, we are reminded that publicly funded Catholic education is a call to service. Regardless of our position or our responsibilities within Catholic education, our role is a call, birthed in our Baptism to bring the saving message of Jesus Christ into the lives of those students whom it is our privilege to serve. This reality elevates our duties and responsibilities to another plane. Left to our own strengths and abilities, the task seems and is very challenging, but we are not alone in this task. Jesus promised us the abiding strength of the Holy Spirit to be with us always – not just for a century or two at the church’s beginning, but always. But the promise is predicated on our faithful and faith-filled response to that call to service following the example of Jesus who said, “I am in the midst of you as one who serves.” (Luke 22:27)

Catholic Education Week begins on Sunday, May 3, 2020. This year’s Catholic Education Week theme is “*Igniting Hope*.” The theme for CEW 2020 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 (2019)

Attached, please find the Advance Kit for Catholic Education Week. I would like to thank our team of educators from our English and French Catholic boards for their work involved in preparing this resource.

We ask that you please forward this resource to your school and board staff who are responsible for overseeing materials related to CEW 2020.

Attachment