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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Anne O'Brien, Director of Catholic Education

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



The theme for Catholic Education Week 2020, “*Igniting Hope*,” reminds us 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 and their families whom it is our privilege to serve.

Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year’s celebration is entitled, “Catholic Education: *Igniting Hope*” and will be celebrated during the week of May 3 – May 8. 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 (2011)

I would like to highlight several points leading up to CEW 2020:

- The CEW theme song has been posted on the OCSTA website. Schools and boards can download this copy for their CEW activities.
- The CEW poster has been sent to all Catholic District School Boards for distribution to your schools.
- All CEW materials are posted on our website at: www.goodnewsforall.ca.

I would like to conclude by wishing all of you a wonderful 2020 Catholic Education Week. Please do not hesitate to contact me at aobrien@ocsta.on.ca if you have further questions.

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