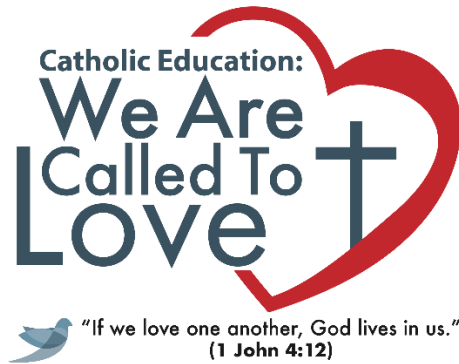




Ontario Catholic School
Trustees' Association

2023 OCSTA Short-Video Contest Guidelines



In keeping with this year's Catholic Education Week theme, students are invited to create a 2-minute video demonstrating how the scriptural quote inspiring this year's theme is reflected in how we treat and respect one another: *"If we love one another, God lives in us"* (1 John 4:12)

This year's theme once again provides an opportunity to deepen our understanding of how the life of Jesus Christ and acts of Christian service help to define the Catholic identity of our Catholic schools.

"People often comment that when they enter a Catholic school they feel a special presence. This does not come from the building or even the religious symbols that are an important witness to our faith. The presence comes from Christ who is proclaimed by word and example, and is evidenced in the way people care for one another."

Renewing the Promise, 2018, Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario

Call for Submissions

Students in grades 4-12 at Catholic District School Boards across Ontario are invited to create a 2-minute video highlighting how having care and respect for the others gives witness to our faith.

For further guidance in developing this video, we refer students and staff to the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations – section 1 (d). This section explores how we are called to be discerning believers through thought and action by developing "attitudes and values founded on Catholic social teaching and acts to promote social responsibility, human solidarity and the common good."

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The 2023-24 Catholic Education Week sub-themes may also provide ideas for developing or structuring student video submissions:

Sub-Themes for Catholic Education Week

We are Called to Love...

As people of hope
As people of faith
As people of mercy
As people of justice
As people of joy

Contest Guidelines and Submission Form

The contest is open to all students in grades 4–12 at Ontario’s publicly funded Catholic schools.

We ask all participants to upload completed videos to YouTube (www.youtube.com) for viewing and adjudication by the provincial committee. The unique URL (web address) created by YouTube when a video file is uploaded is to be recorded on the OCSTA short-video contest submission form.

The submission deadline is December 8, 2023. The submission form is attached, but can also be downloaded from the following URL:

<https://www.ocsta.on.ca/ocsta/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/2023-submission-form-short-video-contest.pdf>

Prizes:

First Place:	\$300 Best Buy Gift Certificate
Second Place:	\$150 Best Buy Gift Certificate
Third Place:	\$100 Indigo Gift Certificate

First, second and third place prizes will be awarded at both the elementary and secondary panels.

We thank the students, teachers and trustees of all CDSBs for their support of this contest celebrating Catholic education in Ontario.

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