



Parent Partner

Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Newsletter

Catholic Education Week May 3-8, 2015 An Invitation to Parents



Province-Wide Mass May 7

The symbolism of holding this unified Mass, as one Catholic congregation, on the same day, will show the strength of Catholic education in our province. It will demonstrate to our Catholic students an important message of pride and, hopefully, due to this large-scale evangelization event, give young people the opportunity to celebrate their faith.

Mass Responsorial Psalm:

Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Catholic schools are Catholic communities. Catholic schools are faith communities. We – parents, students, teachers, administrative and support staff – walk and grow together in the faith, which we received at our Baptism. And it is the 'together' that we grow. Our growth is primarily a relationship with God, who at our Baptism, called us by name. But the response of each of us to that growth is both personal and communal. We grow in our faith in the nurturing atmosphere of our Catholic community be that of our local parish, our home, or our Catholic school community.

Our school community will celebrate Catholic Education Week 2015 in ways that are appropriate to our students' age. We invite you to participate in one or other of these activities as your personal time and work schedule may permit.

There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week: Monday – Walking Together and Sharing Our Stories, Tuesday – Opening the Scriptures, Wednesday – Welcoming Others to the Table, Thursday – Recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread, and Friday – Proclaiming the Good News.

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) provides our Catholic schools with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week. Using these resources as well as our own developed activities we have prepared a series of activities, which will highlight how our school is 'Exploring Paths of Joy'.

We hope to see many of you during our school celebrations.

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Catholic Education Week 2015 Resource Kit