

INTRODUCTION

SEPTEMBER 2017

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 2018 Catholic Education Week is:

Catholic Education: *Renewing the Promise*
L'éducation catholique: *Renouveler la promesse*

Catholic Education Week is held each year in May in our 29 Ontario Catholic school boards. It will run from May 6 – May 11, 2018.

The theme for CEW 2018, *Renewing the Promise*, draws upon previous documents on Ontario Catholic education, namely, “This Moment of Promise” (1989), “Fulfilling the Promise” (1993) and “Our Catholic Schools” (2006-2007). These three documents, while several years apart from each other, all speak of the unique mission of Ontario Catholic education, the importance of its shared leadership by all those involved in Catholic education and the critical role of Catholic education in contemporary society. For 2017-2018, these issues are further explored via an electronic survey that was organized by the Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) that will lead to a gathering of the Catholic community in the Fall of 2017. From the discussions that emerge for this summit, the Ontario Bishops will be producing a new statement on Ontario Catholic education, “Renewing the Promise,” which is expected out in the Spring of 2018.

I would very much like to thank the consultants from 10 of our English and French Catholic boards who worked with me to craft the 2018 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 2018.

Catholic Education Week 2018 combines the themes of reconciliation, solidarity, love, justice and ecology.

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2018 are as follows:

Monday:	Remembering the Promise Faire mémoire de la promesse
Tuesday:	The Promise is Within You La promesse est en toi
Wednesday:	Praying the Promise Prier la promesse
Thursday:	Living the Promise Vivre la promesse
Friday:	Proclaiming the Promise Annoncer la promesse



Overall Theme Prayer for Catholic Education Week 2018

Catholic Education Week Prayer

God of mercy,

We thank you for the gift of Catholic education.

We walk in faith and thanks, guided by those who have gone before us, who nurtured and sustained Catholic education.

Inspired by our Catholic Graduate Outcomes, we acknowledge that the promise of Catholic education is within us, that it is a promise that we live out in our families and communities and that it is a promise that we proclaim in acts of justice and compassion in word and deed.

We make this prayer that we may live out the promise of Catholic education for many more years to come.

Amen. +

Prière pour la semaine de l'éducation catholique

Dieu de miséricorde,

Nous te rendons grâce pour le don de l'éducation catholique en Ontario.

Ensemble, nous allons de l'avant inspirés par celles et ceux qui ont nourri et façonné l'éducation catholique et qui nous précèdent aujourd'hui dans la foi.

Inspirés par les attentes et espoirs envers les finissantes et finissants de nos écoles, nous te prions de nous aider à reconnaître que la promesse de l'éducation catholique se trouve en nous: une promesse vécue et célébrée dans nos familles et dans nos communautés, une promesse qui nous pousse à témoigner de la justice et de la compassion à travers nos gestes et nos paroles.

En vivant cette promesse de l'éducation catholique, puissions-nous collaborer à faire advenir ton royaume sur terre. Nous te le demandons à toi, qui continues d'être présent et agissant, Dieu au cœur de notre histoire.

Amen. +

