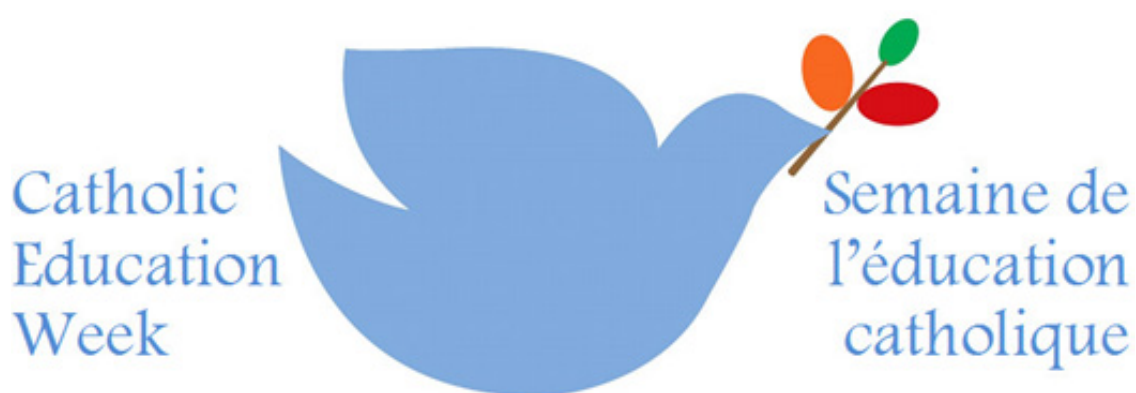


FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

RESOURCE PACKAGE

SEPTEMBER 2017



MAY 6 – MAY 11, 2018

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

Renewing the Promise

L'ÉDUCATION CATHOLIQUE:

Renouveler la promesse

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. +



PRAYERS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL, ELEMENTARY SEPTEMBER 2017

Tuesday, September 5

Remembering the Promise – Faire mémoire de la promesse

Dear Lord,

Thank you for your promise that has made all of us your dearly loved children. Empower us to love others the way you love us. Wash us clean from every sin. Remind us to praise you, O Lord, with all our hearts. Jesus, be Lord of our lives today in new ways and transform us into faithful followers. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Make us an instrument of your grace, truth, forgiveness, righteousness and justice. Empower us today with your glory and to invite others to follow in your footsteps.

We pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen. +

Wednesday, September 6

The Promise is Within You – La promesse est en toi

God of faith,

Strengthen our commitment to you, today and every day. In Baptism, we have been promised to God and to one another. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic and courage to accept new opportunities. Open our hearts and minds to a new beginning this school year as we work together to renew the promise of Catholic education that is within each one of us.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our teacher and friend.

Amen. +

Thursday, September 7

Praying the Promise – Prier la promesse

Heavenly Father,

We offer you glory, praise and honour on this day and always. We promise to believe and trust in you, who has made a promise to us. We pray for patience and perseverance as we wait for your glory. We pray for peace and hope for the world as we promise to actively do our part to build your kingdom on earth. We promise to love others as your son Jesus taught us; for we know that your love is unfailing and everlasting.

Amen. +

Friday, September 8

Living the Promise – Vivre la promesse

God of all that is good,

We thank you for the promises you have made to us. Guide us to see each other with your loving eyes. Show us how to use our gifts to serve others. Free us from the things that hold us back. Inspire us to be compassionate people you call us to be. Make our school a place of warmth, acceptance and light. Teach us to act in ways that promote peace and justice so that we may build your kingdom, here on earth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen. +



PRAYERS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL, SECONDARY SEPTEMBER 2017

Tuesday, September 5

Remembering the Promise – Faire mémoire de la promesse

God of Hope,

Today we give thanks for Catholic education, its history and promise for the future. We remember all those who gave freely of their talents and conviction to bring us to where we are today. We ask your blessing on the many who have sacrificed and dreamed of a place for educating in faith. We ask special blessings on the many religious communities who committed to a vocation of education promoting the wellbeing of all. We are blessed with the fruits of their labour. May we continue to remember as we journey in faith toward a bright future.

We make this prayer in the name of your son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen. +

Wednesday, September 6

The Promise is Within You – La promesse est en toi

Faithful God,

In the fullness of time your promises to us are always fulfilled. During dark times, we recall to each other the promise of our Baptism and witness together to the hope of the Resurrection. Now, our students are your promises for the future. May the faith that we share continue to bear rich fruit in the ongoing contribution of Catholic school graduates in our community, our province and our nation.

We make this prayer in the name of the Risen Jesus.

Amen. +

Thursday, September 7

Praying the Promise – Prier la promesse

Creator God,

Awaken the seed of faith within us. Help us to remember to honour the promise of Catholic education through our commitment to prayer. We are grateful for the community with which you bless us. May our continued prayer rise to you and express our hope for the promise of a future of learning in faith. Open our hearts so that the distinctive thread that binds us together enables us to appreciate the tapestry of our world, created through your love. May our prayer bring us to a place where we honour all of humanity and creation as sacred.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our brother and teacher.

Amen. +

Friday, September 8

Living the Promise – Vivre la promesse

God of mercy,

We thank you for the example given by Pope Francis, who shows us what it means to recognize Christ in every person and to accept people as they are. May our schools be positive, accepting, inclusive and forgiving learning environments, so that Catholic education bears prophetic witness to the dignity of every human person. Help us to better build your kingdom through joyful service.

We make this prayer in the name of your son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen. +



LITURGY PLANNING GUIDE FOR *RENEWING THE PROMISE* FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Suggested Readings

Readings for the Liturgy of the Day as taken from the Ordo 2016-2017

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Nativity of the Mary	Thematic Readings
First Reading	1 Thess. 5:1-6, 9-11	Col. 1:1-8	Col. 1:9-14	Romans 8:28- 30 OR Micah 5:2-5a	Acts 2:37-39, 41-42 OR Jer. 29:11-14a
Psalm	Ps. 27:1, 4, 13- 14 (<i>R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living</i>)	Ps. 52:8, 9 (<i>R. I trust in the kindness of God forever</i>)	Ps. 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 (<i>R. The Lord has made known his salvation</i>)	Ps. 13:5-6 (<i>R. With delight I rejoice in the Lord</i>)	Ps. 105:40, 41, 42-43 (<i>R. God remembered his holy promise</i>)
Gospel	Luke 4:31-37	Luke 4:38-44	Luke 5:1-11	Matthew 1:18- 23	Matthew 7:7-8

Suggested Music

All Are Welcome ~ Marty Haugen
 Bread for the World ~ Bernadette Farrell
 The Servant Song ~ Richard Gillard
 The Spirit Sends Us Forth ~ Azmon
 Here I Am, Lord ~ Dan Schutte
 God Has Chosen Me ~ Bernadette Farrell
 Take My Hands ~ Sebastien Temple
 You Are the Healing ~ Scott Soper
 This Alone ~ Tim Manion
 There is A Longing ~ Anne Quigley
 With All the Saints ~ Bob Hurd
 Blessed be the Lord ~ Dan Schutte
 We Are Called ~ David Haas
 Lead Me, Lord ~ John D. Becker
 We Belong to You ~ Trevor Thomson
 Remember Your Love ~ Darryl Ducote & Gary Daigle
 With the Lord ~ Michael Joncas
 Healing Waters ~ Trevor Thomson

Seek Ye First ~ Karen Lafferty
 You Are Mine ~ David Haas
 Eye Has Not Seen ~ Marty Haugen
 The Lord is Kind & Merciful ~ Rick Modim
 Love One Another ~ Bob Dufford, SJ
 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy ~ In Babilone
 We Remember ~ Marty Haugen
 The Eyes & Hands of Christ ~ Tom Kendzia
 Litany of Peace ~ Barbara Bridge
 Lift Up Your Hearts ~ Roc O'Connor, SJ
 Sing of the Lord's Goodness ~ Ernest Sands
 Whatsoever You Do ~ Willard F. Jabusch
 Blest Are They ~ David Haas
 Beatitudes ~ Darryl Ducote
 River of Glory ~ Dan Schutte
 Loving & Forgiving ~ Scott Soper
 Bring Forth the Kingdom ~ Marty Haugen



Prayer of the Faithful

Our response to each prayer is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

As we begin this new school year of learning, be with us God, we pray. **R.**

As we begin this new year, help us to renew the promise of Catholic education, we pray. **R.**

As we begin this new year, help us welcome those new to our school, we pray. **R.**

As we begin this new year, help us to be loving and forgiving with our family and classmates, we pray. **R.**

As we begin this new year, help us to be faithful to living the Gospel message, we pray. **R.**

As we begin this new year, may we rejoice that the promise is within us, we pray. **R.**



PLANNING SHEET FOR EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Date: _____ Occasion/Feast: _____ Time: _____

Location: _____ Presider: _____

Altar Server(s): _____, _____, _____

Minister(s) of Hospitality: _____, _____, _____

Greeting by: _____

INTRODUCTORY RITES

- a) Gathering Song _____ Sung __
- b) Greeting and Opening Prayer (Celebrant)
- c) Penitential Rite (Celebrant)
- d) Gloria _____ Omitted __ Spoken __ Sung __

LITURGY OF THE WORD

- a) First Reading _____ by: _____
- b) Responsorial Psalm _____ Sung __
- c) Second Reading (*Optional*) _____ by: _____
- d) Gospel Acclamation _____ Sung __
- e) Gospel _____
- f) Homily _____
- g) Creed (*may be omitted*) _____
- h) Prayer of the Faithful by: _____
Response: _____

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

- a) Presentation of the Gifts
Song _____ Sung __
Gifts Presented by: _____
- b) Preface (Celebrant)
- c) Holy Holy _____ Sung __
- d) Memorial Acclamation _____ Sung __
- e) Doxology _____ Sung __
- f) Great Amen _____ Sung __
- g) Lord's Prayer _____ Sung __
- h) Sign of Peace/Lamb of God _____ Sung __
- i) Communion (Eucharistic Minister) _____
Extraordinary Minister(s) of the Eucharist _____

CONCLUSION

- a) Blessing and Dismissal _____
- b) Concluding Song _____ Sung __



PRAYERS & QUOTES FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2017

ELEMENTARY

Monday, September 4

NO PRAYER (LABOUR DAY)

Tuesday, September 5

Dear Lord,

Thank you for your promise that has made all of us your dearly loved children. Empower us to love others the way you love us. Wash us clean from every sin. Remind us to praise you, O Lord, with all our hearts.

Jesus, be Lord of our lives today in new ways and transform us into faithful followers. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Make us an instrument of your grace, truth, forgiveness, righteousness and justice. Empower us today with your glory and to invite others to follow in your footsteps.

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SECONDARY

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Amen. +



QUOTES – ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY

Monday, September 4

NO QUOTE (LABOUR DAY)

Tuesday, September 5

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away.

¹²*It is not in Heaven, that you should say, “Who will go up to Heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?”* ¹³*Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?”* ¹⁴*No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.*

~Deuteronomy 30:11-14

Wednesday, September 6

“Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches, finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”

~Matthew 7:7-8

Thursday, September 7

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

~Luke 4:18-19

Friday, September 8

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.”

~Philippians 4:4-5

