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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairpersons & Directors of Education
Religious Education & Adult Faith Consultants
- All Catholic District School Boards

FROM: Brian O'Sullivan, Director of Catholic Education

SUBJECT: **Catholic Education: *Igniting Hope***
L'éducation catholique: *Allumer la flamme de l'espérance*
MAY 3 – MAY 8, 2020

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13)

«Que le Dieu de l'espérance vous remplisse de toute joie et de paix dans la foi, afin que vous débordiez d'espérance par la puissance de l'Esprit Saint.» (Romains 15, 13)

Catholic Education Week is held each year in May in our 29 Ontario Catholic school boards. CEW 2020 is scheduled to take place during the week of May 3 – May 8, 2020.

It is a pleasure to announce the theme for Catholic Education Week 2020:

Catholic Education: *Igniting Hope*
L'éducation catholique: *Allumer la flamme de l'espérance*

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 School Catholic Graduate Expectations* by the Institute for Catholic Education (2011)

At a time of national and local crises, we felt it was important to celebrate the good work and hope of Catholic education now and in the future.

PROMOTING AND PROTECTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION

SUB-THEMES

There are five sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2020. Please see below for the sub-themes, as well as accompanying citations for each.

The sub-themes for CEW 2020 are:

Monday:	Our Hope in Christ Notre espérance, c'est le Christ
Tuesday:	The Hope Within Us L'espérance en nous
Wednesday:	The Hope Among Us L'espérance au milieu de nous
Thursday:	Hope for the World L'espérance pour le monde
Friday:	A Future Full of Hope Un avenir rempli d'espérance

Monday: Our Hope in Christ / Notre espérance, c'est le Christ

“Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way, he brings youth to our world and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life.” (Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation, *Christus Vivit*, to young people, #1)

«Il vit, le Christ, notre espérance et il est la plus belle jeunesse de ce monde. Tout ce qu'il touche devient jeune, devient nouveau, se remplit de vie.» (Pape François, Exhortation apostolique, *Christus Vivit*, aux jeunes, no 1)

Tuesday: The Hope Within Us / L'espérance en nous

“Were not our hearts burning within us?” (Luke 24:32)

«Notre cœur n'était-il pas brûlant en nous?» (Luc 24, 32)

Wednesday: The Hope Among Us / L'espérance au milieu de nous

“Today, amid so much darkness, we need to see the light of hope, and to be men and women who bring that hope to others.” (Pope Francis, Inaugural Mass, 2013)

«Aujourd'hui encore devant tant de traits de ciel gris, nous avons besoin de voir la lumière de l'espérance et de donner nous-mêmes espérance.» (Pape François, Messe inaugurale, 2013)

Thursday: Hope for the World / L'espérance pour le monde

“To protect creation, to protect every man and every women, to look upon them with tenderness and love, is to open up a horizon of hope, it is to let a shaft of light break through the heavy clouds.” (Pope Francis, Inaugural Mass, 2013)

«Garder la création, tout homme et toute femme, avec un regard de tendresse et d'amour, c'est ouvrir l'horizon de l'espérance, c'est ouvrir une trouée de lumière au milieu de tant de nuages, c'est porter la chaleur de l'espérance.» (Pape François, Messe inaugurale, 2013)

Friday: A Future Full of Hope / Un avenir rempli d'espérance

*“The very first dream of all is the creative dream of God our Father, which precedes and accompanies the lives of all his children. The memory of this blessing, that extends from generation to generation, is a precious legacy that we should keep alive, so that we too can pass it on.” (Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation, *Christus Vivit*, #194))*

*«Le rêve premier, le rêve créateur de Dieu notre Père précède et accompagne la vie de tous ses enfants. Faire mémoire de cette bénédiction qui se poursuit de génération en génération est un héritage précieux qu'il faut savoir garder vivant pour pouvoir le transmettre nous aussi.» (Pape François, Exhortation apostolique, *Christus Vivit*, no 194)*



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