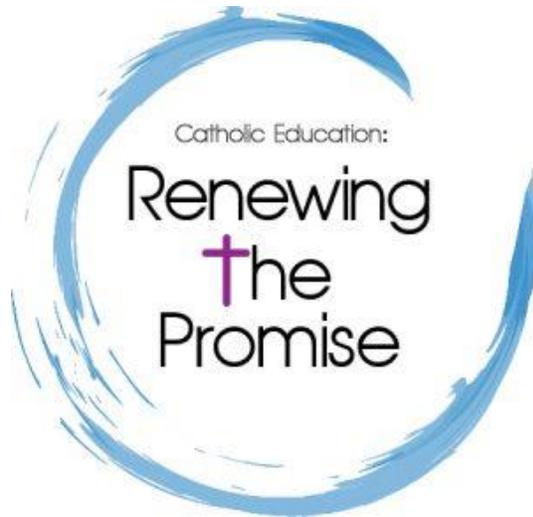




Catholic Education: Renewing the Promise



In November, at the *Renewing the Promise Symposium*, we had the opportunity to gather as a family, members of the Ontario Catholic Education community.

The fruit of the that gathering has been gathered in the Assembly of Catholic Bishops document:

[*Renewing the Promise: A Pastoral Letter on Catholic Education.*](#)

The pastoral letter invites us all to commit ourselves to the mission of Catholic Education, to discern God's presence in this world, to celebrate the work of those women and men who have built up Catholic Education in Ontario, and to open ourselves to being evangelized and sharing the Good News with others.

In a rapidly changing world our Catholic schools provide students with firm ground upon which to stand because they are founded on Christ who is the sure foundation. It is in Christ that we will find the wisdom, the courage, the creativity and the integrity to work together in realizing the great promise of Catholic education. May everything we do be for the greater glory of God! (*Renewing the Promise*. P 25)

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Catholic schools, which always strive to join their work of education with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, are a most valuable resource for the evangelization of culture (*Evangelii Gaudium* 134).

2018 CARFLEO Conference:

“Restoring Right Relationships: Continuing the Pilgrimage towards Truth and Reconciliation”



CARFLEO held its annual conference on March 22nd and 23rd, 2018. This year our theme was ***Restoring Right Relationships: Continuing the Pilgrimage towards Truth and Reconciliation***”.

Stan Fontaine, our facilitator, reflected on the teaching of the Seven Teachings of the Anishinaabe – wisdom, love, respect, bravery, honesty, humility, and truth. As we

moved through the Seven Teachings, Stan reflected on personal stories, faith stories; he connected each of the Seven Teachings to the indigenous spirituality, creation, and day-to-day life.

Stan’s second presentation was on the Medicine Wheel. Through the use of the Medicine Wheel we journeyed through:

- Human development of the physical, spiritual, emotional and mind. He invited us to:
 - take care of ourselves spiritually;
 - to do an emotional clean-up;
 - to renew the mind with positive thoughts;
 - take care of the physical body; and,
 - practice the teachings – it begins with the heart
- Family:
 - Embrace positive values for family life
 - Nurture each other;
 - Practice good communication;
 - Be active together; and,
 - Consecrate our family to God
- Community: leadership, economic, socio-cultural and spiritual
 - Practice spiritual principles – set a solid foundation
 - Build healthy relationships and be culturally competent
 - Share! Share your time, talent and treasure (\$) with others
 - Be a responsible leader and call others to be good leaders
- Evangelization:
 - Pray and be a witness to the faith – live it
 - Celebrate your faith
 - Learn and know the faith
 - Share you faith, start by serving others

Stan Fontaine's presentations helped us to appreciate the richness and wisdom of the Indigenous People. He helped us to reconnect with our Catholic faith and to merge this faith with aspects of Indigenous culture.

For more about the CARFLEO Conference click the icon below or [click here](#):



CARFLEO Conference 2019

Our 2019 CARFLEO Conference and AGM will be held at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga. Our AGM will be held on the afternoon of March 28 with the Conference beginning that evening. We will continue on March 29. Every Catholic teacher in attendance can be present at the AGM (we are all members of CARFLEO.)

Our last two conferences (March 2017 and March 2018) focussed on our desire for Truth & Reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

For our 2019 Conference we are lining up a wonderful teams of speakers who will help us to continue to honour the truth that Indigenous people live concerning the land which they inhabit. Together we will look at Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si', On the Care of Our Common Home*.

Stay tuned to www.carfleo.org for more further details.

Images from the CARFLEO Conference 2018



CARFLEO AWARD RECIPIENTS:

At our annual CARFLEO conference, following our opening dinner and Evening Prayer liturgy, CARFLEO Awards were presented to the following recipients:

Archbishop Philip Pocock Award for Excellence in Religious Education:



The Archbishop Pocock Award is awarded annually to honour an educator who has made outstanding contributions to the field of Religious Education here in Ontario. This year the award was presented to Deirdre Thomas. Deirdre was nominated by Peter Crane.

Deirdre has been an advocate for Catholic Education for over thirty years. She has excelled in a number of roles including Religion and Family Life Consultant in Eastern Ontario, Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association (OECTA)/Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Religion Course Director and Superintendent of Education responsible for Religion and Family Life for Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic School Board. Other contributions include sitting on

various leadership committees including Institute for Catholic Education and OCSEA.

It is very interesting to note that Deirdre was on the original intermediate writing team with the National Office of Religious Education Program, "Stand by Me" series. She has stayed the course and is presently a member of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO) committee for implementing the new "Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ" program. For a number of years Deirdre was also an active member of *Catholic Religious Education Consultants of Ontario (CRECO)*.

Today there are no plans for retirement as she continues to advance the cause of Catholic Education. Deirdre continues her great work in Catholic Education as part of the editorial team for "*Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ*" and as a member of the ACBO committee for implementation of this elementary program.

Deirdre is a tireless worker for the Diocese of Peterborough in her capacity as Assistant to the Bishop, as well as responsibilities for Marriage preparation coordination and chairperson for the new Parish based sacramental program.

Congratulations to Deirdre Thomas, a very deserving award winner!

Father Angus MacDougall Award for Excellence in Family Life Education:



The Father Angus MacDougall Award is awarded annually to a person who has made outstanding contributions to the field of Family Life Education. This year's award was presented to Kelly Pickard-Lefterys, Religious Education, Family Life, Adult Faith, and Equity Consultant for the York Catholic District School Board. Kelly was nominated by Diane Murgaski, Acting Director of Education (York Catholic District School Board).

A natural leader and gifted educator, Kelly has made significant contributions to Family Life Education both locally and provincially. She has prepared numerous inservices, documents, videos and resources for the implementation of the 2015 HPE Resources for Elementary and Secondary Religious Education, Family

Life, and Physical Education. Kelly has extensive knowledge of best practices in Family Life Education, and she has assisted many educators to become more informed and more skilled at addressing a wide variety of Family Life topics. Her confident and joyful approach has succeeded in "converting" many teachers who may have initially been hesitant to teach Family Life, and she leads by example in her willingness to provide articulate and faith-filled responses to potentially challenging questions. .

Kelly works diligently to promote equity and inclusivity through Gospel messages of belonging and acceptance. She demonstrates a deep commitment to honouring the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of human life. She is a valued member of York Catholic District School Board's Religion and Family Life Team.

Key Contributions:

-- Kelly was a central person for the delivery of Health and Phys Ed and Family Life Inservices for York Catholic District School Board and the Catholic Principals Council of Ontario with regards to supporting LGBTTTQQ students and staff. In her work with CPCO & LGBTTTQQ supports and inservice, she was able to work with administrators both in English and in French.

-- In the past year, Kelly has been engaged as a writer/ editor for the new Grade 9 Secondary Religious Education Resources being prepared for September 2018 implementation throughout the province.

-- Kelly is currently the Chair of York Catholic District School Board's EREAC – Elementary Religious Education Advisory Committee. EREAC is comprised of YCDSB's stakeholders including the Local Bishop, Clergy, Lay Pastoral Staff, OECTA, Parents, Teachers, and School Administration. One of the roles of this committee is to initiate and sustain opportunities for growth of quality education throughout York Catholic District School Board.

-- Kelly has worked with the CCC on projects including ShareLife lessons and lessons for Leprosy Mission Canada. .

Kelly is an essential contributor to effective inservice in Religious Education and Family Life both at YCDSB, throughout the province, and nationally.

CARFLEO Executive 2018-2019

At our annual Conference we elected our 2018-2019 executive:

CARFLEO CHAIR:



Our new Chair is Sister Pat Carter csj, who comes to us from Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board where she serves as the Religious & Family Life Consultant. S. Pat is known throughout the Catholic Education Community for her weekly *Catholic Community Update* which she shares with us through the CARFLEO website (check it out – go to www.carfleo.com).

S. Pat is changing chairs. For the last six years she has served as the CARFLEO treasurer. (In the picture above she is reviewing the CARFLEO budget at the 2017 Annual General Meeting/Conference).

CARFLEO SECRETARY

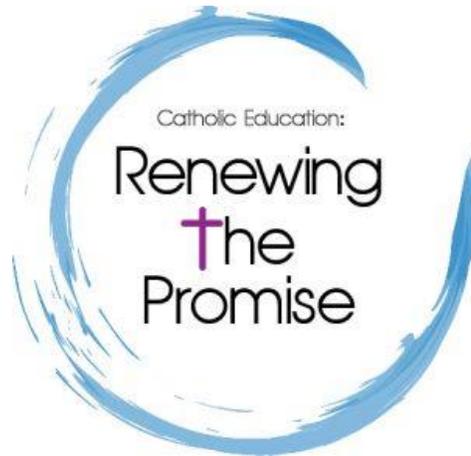


Jan Bentham comes to us from the Ottawa Catholic District School Board where she serves as the Coordinator of Religious and Family Life Education. She continues to serve as the CARFLEO Secretary.

When Jan isn't taking notes she can usually be found leading us in joyful praise. Her original music is an important part of the *Growing in Faith*,

Growing in Christ elementary religious education program. Jan has shared her gifts at the CARFLEO conference leading us in worship and song.

Thank you to our Partners for your support for our 2018 CARFLEO Conference



We are grateful to and rely on all the Catholic partners. Together may we renew the promise that a true encounter with Jesus can and does take place, each and every day, within our Catholic schools. May we commit to renew that promise as we work together to strengthen our Catholic schools as communities that exemplify, in word and in deed, the good news of Jesus Christ (cf. *Renewing the promise: A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education*, p. 4).



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