



# CARFLEO Newsletter

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## CARFLEO Conference 2019

*"Land and Water: Sacred Gifts of the Creator" March 28-29th, 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.)

The theme of the 2019 CARFLEO Conference flows out of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Having learned about the giftedness and culture of the Indigenous people in our last two conferences, we want to bridge that knowledge with Pope Francis' call to care for our common home, Mother Earth. Our keynote speaker is **Sister Mary Rowell**, a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada. Mary is a member of the Team at Villa St. Joseph Ecology and Retreat Centre in Cobourg, Ontario. She is also a part-time faculty member at the University of Toronto, where Mary teaches Moral Theology and Catholic Social Teaching at St. Michael's and Regis Colleges. Mary also provides workshops and retreat facilitation with various Catholic School Boards which she always finds enjoyable and inspirational.



There will be two workshops offered before the conference begins. One will showcase the new Grade 6 Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ religious education program by Pearson's Stephanie Wells. A second workshop will be a *Visio Divina* experience led by Les Miller. It will be a gentle way to enter into the experience of the conference as well as a practical exploration of a powerful teaching strategy.



Bishop Daniel Miehm will preside at Eucharist on Friday March 29. He is CARFLEO's liaison with the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario. He was an Auxiliary Bishop in Hamilton, Ontario before being named as Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough. Bishop Daniel was born in Kitchener, ON.

See [www.carfleo.com](http://www.carfleo.com) for registration information and more details.

### Preparatory Resources for the CARFLEO Conference

- [Laudato Si' \(24 May 2015\)](#) (Vatican)
- [Living Out Laudato Si': A Commentary and Practical Resource for Canadian Catholics.](#) (CCCB)
- [The Hope Within Us \(PDF\)](#) (A report on Climate Change from the Roman Catholic/ United Church of Canada Dialogue. Our Keynote Speaker is a member of this dialogue.)

## CARFLEO Directory of Religious Education Coordinators and Consultants

CARFLEO has once again published a Directory of Ontario Catholic Directors of Education, as well as Religious Education and Family Life Coordinators and Consultants for CARFLEO member boards throughout the province. Electronic copies of the Directory were sent out in late January to the Directors of Education and each Board's CARFLEO contact.

## CARFLEO on the Internet

28,558 different people visited carfleo.com in 2018 viewing about 4 pages per visit. Although people from 149 different countries used our site, 79% of page visits were from Canadian sources.

CARFLEO continues to have a presence on Twitter, FaceBook, Pinterest and Tumblr.

Priorities for CARFLEO's web presence for 2019 are:

- Complete school board resources, Sacraments and Liturgical Year series
- Create a strategy for compiling grade by grade weblinks for K-12
- Updating previous resource posts using the schedule created in 2018.

## CARFLEO Executive Committee

Our Executive features our new Chair, Pat Carter csj of the Huron-Superior CDSB. Peter Bagnall of the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington DSB is our new treasurer. Janet Bentham, recently retired from the Ottawa Catholic DSB is our secretary. Their terms last from 2018 until 2020.

- Peter Bagnall (Treasurer)
- Paul Beaudette
- Janet Bentham ... (Secretary)
- Joe Bezzina... (Past Chair)
- Keri Calvesbert
- Pat Carter csj (Chair)
- Peter Crane
- Nancy Davie
- Fr. Obinna Ifeanyi
- Les Miller (Website)
- Priya Mohipp
- John Murphy
- Mark Siolek
- Paula Wheeler
- Bishop Daniel Miehm (ACBO Liaison)

## CARFLEO at WFMP



Once again CARFLEO had a prominent role at When Faith Meets Pedagogy 2018 held in Toronto last October. Not only were we a sponsor, we also offered a workshop. Janet Bentham and Peggy O'Meara presented *Improvisation and Scripture: Creativity Collaboration and Building Community*. Participants played with their knowledge of the parables and miracle narratives of the gospels using drama techniques.

Elizabeth Collicia, from Dufferin-Peel CDSB, won the draw for a free registration for our upcoming CARFLEO conference. Congratulations Elizabeth!

*When Faith Meets Pedagogy 2019 will be held from October 24 to 26 at the Delta Marriott Hotel, Toronto Airport. Check the Catholic Curriculum Corporation or CARFLEO websites for more information as it is released over the next few months.*

## EOCCC Conference

The Eastern Ontario Catholic Curriculum Corporation (EOCCC) will be holding its annual conference at the NAV Centre in Cornwall on April 3 and 4, 2019. This year's theme is: "Living as Joyful Disciples". More information can be found on the EOCCC website.

## OCSOA Celebrates 50 Years of Service

The Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers' Association (OCSOA) is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at their annual Conference at Chateau Laurier, Ottawa April 10 & 11, 2019. Congratulations OCSOA!

## He Thirsts for You

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, through the Episcopal Commission for Evangelization and Catechesis, is hosting the 2019 **National Conference on Evangelization and Catechesis** on 4-6 April 2019, at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel - Ottawa Airport. The theme of the conference, **He Thirsts for You**, is inspired by John 4: 4-26 – The Woman at the Well.

Highlights of the Conference include an opening play, **He Thirsts for You**, written and performed by Catholic playwright Elisa Lollino, as well as the following keynote speakers: the **Most Reverend William McGrattan, Father Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I., and Dr. Josephine Lombardi**. Additionally, each participant will have the opportunity to choose four workshops on a variety of topics related to evangelization and catechesis.

Early bird registration ends 5 March 2019



## ICYMI: Religious & Family Life Education Resources

CCCB (<http://www.cccb.ca>)

[New Science and Catholic Faith Booklet](#)

[New Family Catechesis Resource for Dioceses/Eparchies and Parishes](#)

ICE (<http://iceont.ca>)

Renewing the Promise: A Pastoral Letter | Discussion Guide for the Pastoral Letter | Support for Dioceses – Suggestions for Discussion | Making Connections: Renewing the Promise and Achieving Excellence in Ontario's Catholic Schools (Placemat) | Discussion Guide PowerPoint Presentation | A series of Monographs

[Teacher Resources](#) to Support the Secondary Religious Education Curriculum Policy Document (2016)

**OCSTA**

Catholic Education Week Resources 2019 “[Living as Joyful Disciples](#)”

ICE Health and Physical Education Curriculum [Parent Resources](#)

**CARFLEO POSTS**

[Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ: Combined Grades](#)

[Liturgical Calendar 2018-2019](#)

[Official Church Teachings](#)

[Patron Saints of Education](#)

[Prayers in a time of tragedy](#)

[Religious Education Suppliers for Ontario](#)

[Resources for Adult Catechesis](#)

[Special Education and Faith Development](#)

[Visio Divina Praying with Art](#)

[The Way of Beauty \(via pulchritudinis\)](#)

**VATICAN**

[Gaudete et exsultate: Apostolic Exhortation on the call to holiness in today's world \(19 March 2018\)](#)



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