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Peace, Joy, Hope!

“When a person truly know Jesus Christ and believes in him, that person experiences Jesus’ presence in life as well as the power of his Resurrection...One cannot but communicate this experience.”
-Pope Francis

EOCCC has been very busy the last few months working on a bilingual digital Indigenous resource for the primary division. With the guidance of an Advisory Committee composed of the four Indigenous leads from Algonquin & Lakeshore, Eastern Ontario, Ottawa and Renfrew Catholic School Boards along with representatives from the Métis, Inuit and First Nations communities, EOCCC selected seven youth to be featured in the video clips.

A professional production company recorded the multi-media video clips to ensure a quality product that will be available on our website later this spring. A group of English and French teachers came together during the March break to write and produce the rich learning tasks that will accompany the video segments which focus on traditions and cultures of First Nation, Métis and Inuit communities.

The resource, “It’s a Way of Life”, includes six video segments of Indigenous youth who



share a story with primary students about animals. Each story teaches a lesson about relationships and morality. The featured

Indigenous youth portrayed in each video also talk about their culture and then share their musical and dancing talent with the students. One particular video segment features Samantha Metcalfe and Cailyn Degrandpré, who are both Inuit throat singers and performed at Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s swearing-in ceremony. The resource will be launched during our annual Catholic Curriculum Conference in Kingston on April 25, 2017.



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As you already know, EOCCC has many other Indigenous Learning resources including videos for junior, intermediate and senior students. You can find them on our website www.eoccc.org under the Indigenous Learning tab. With a click of the mouse, you can open up the teacher manuals that accompany numerous videos that feature individuals who talk about governance, culture, traditions, issues and their contemporary way.

I am looking forward to our 22nd annual Catholic Curriculum Conference Walking Forward Together/Aller de l’avant ensemble on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 in Kingston. The conference committee has put together another amazing line-up of workshops presented by teachers from across the four Catholic Boards. Hope to see you there!

Charlotte Rouleau
EOCCC Executive Director

As Catholic educators, we have our mission. Education is a life-long experience leading us forth from where we are, to where God would have us be, in the example of Jesus. We ask God to help us to deepen our knowledge and understanding, our awareness and sensitivity, and our discipleship and our serving others in God’s name.

EOCCC Dates to Remember

April 25, 2017
EOCCC
22nd Annual Conference
Four Points Sheraton,
Kingston

Share your News!

The EOCCC is a network of faith-based educators throughout Eastern Ontario. Our goal is to share our resources and information as a means to support one another in living out our Catholic mission. We invite you to help build the network by sharing your news through the EOCCC ECHO newsletter.

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Glorifying God by Your Life

Memorable Mid-Year Institute Retreat welcomed Educators to Inspiring Sessions with Impact

“Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

-Matthew 25:40

This year’s annual Mid-Year Institute Retreat “Glorifying God by Your Life” was attended by over 40 educators from across our four Catholic member boards. Cindy Morgan and Paul Mantha from the Catholic DSB of Eastern Ontario led prayers and reflections throughout the retreat that guided participants using Taizé prayers and Lectio Divina with Matthew’s scripture 25:35-40.

...For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

The following is a brief synopsis of the four sessions led by our committee members.

Come in and stay awhile... Mark Buccino, Ottawa Catholic SB

For this year’s EOCCC Midyear Institute Retreat, I had the great opportunity to share some of my thoughts on our Catholic faith while making connections to this year’s retreat theme, “Glorifying God By You Life”. My session began with a brief reflection on the purpose of spiritual retreats which helped to set the context for my presentation.



My session, which I titled, “Come in and stay awhile” focused on how our faith should influence our interactions with others in the world. Using Jesus as our model for faith and love, we explored how our faith constantly invites us to know God and His love for us. Participants were given questions to encourage their own reflecting on how their faith influences their living in the world. The session concluded with visio divina, a method of prayer using an image, which was based on Matthew 25:34-40. I am grateful to have had the chance to present at this wonderful retreat and to experience the other thought-provoking presentations made by such faith-filled people. I truly heard the call to go out and “glorify God by my life...”

Saints and Our Call to Holiness

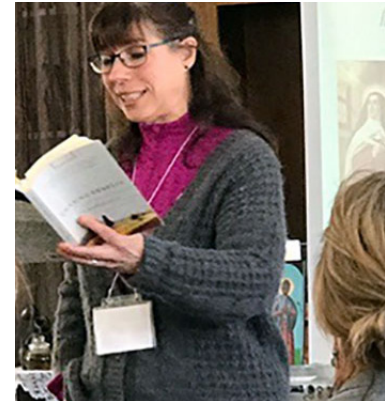
Jan Bentham, Ottawa Catholic SB

This session on the saints sought to bring us to a deeper appreciation of the influence of the saints on our formation as Catholics and our own call to sainthood. Of course, one of the most beautiful aspects of our faith is the realization that we are part of the Communion of Saints.

When we take the opportunity to reflect on the lives of some of our favourite saints, we see the cultural, familial and spiritual influences in their lives and how these are so much like our own.

This session explored many famous and not as famous saints as well as holy people who have impacted our recent history and the progression of the Church in the past.

What a rich tapestry and influence for us as believers!



Jan Bentham

Some books on Saints

- ‘Chasing Francis’ by Ian Morgan Cron: Zondervan Publishing ISBN: 10-0310336694
- ‘Saints at Heart’ by Bert Ghezzi: Loyola Press ISBN: 13-978-0-8294-3544-3
- ‘My Life With the Saints’ by James Martin, SJ: Loyola Press ISBN: -10-0-8294-2001-0
- ‘Growing Faith, Growing in Christ’ Teacher Resource- Grade 3: Pearson Publishing
- ‘Hildegard’s Gifts’ by David Hill: Paraclete Press ISBN 978-1-61261-358-1
- ‘Saint Francis of Assisi’ by Joyce Denham and Elena Temporin: Paraclete Press, ISBN 978-1-55725-571-6

Sent by the Spirit

Michael Gundert

Algonquin & Lakeshore CDSB

“Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit” (John 20:21-22). The Sent by the Spirit session explored the role of the Holy Spirit and how it equips the Church to be witnesses as the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Video, papal documents, the YOUCAT, activities, rich discussion, online programs, examples of faith in action, and guided meditation were explored to examine how the Spirit works through people to build up the Church.





Tony Cosentino

By Virtue of Our Baptism Tony Cosentino, Renfrew County Catholic DSB

We are...

- ...joined to Jesus crucified and risen. (Col 3:1-3)
 - ...members of His body, the Church. (Eph 2, 19-22)
 - ...sharers in Jesus' new, everlasting Covenant that restores humanity's original relationship with the Father (Lk 22:20; Mt 26:28; Mk 14:24)
 - ...participants in Christ's divine life, life of Trinity (2Pet 1:4; DV 2)
 - ...a new creation (2Cor 5:17) in Jesus, the New Adam. (See 1 Cor 15:45-49; Rom 5:15,18)
 - ...co-heirs with Christ, to the Kingdom (Rom 8:17)
 - ...justified before God through our faith relationship with Jesus (Rom 3:21-26, 5:1)
- Empowered...
- ...by the New Law of the Gospel – the gift of the Spirit – poured into our hearts (Jer 31:33; Rom 5:5)
 - ...to live by love, which summarizes the New Law (See Jn 13:35,15:12; CCC 1965-1974)
 - ...to live without fear (Rom 8:15; 1Jn 4:18)
- * The Sacraments are Christ's gift, where He nurtures, strengthens, forgives, heals us to live as a new creation in Him.

Jesus in my Boat (Mark 4: 35-41)

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples:

“Let us cross to the other side.”

Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was.

And other boats were with him.

A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up.

Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion.

They woke him and said to him,

“Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”

He woke up,

rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Quiet! Be still!”

The wind ceased and there was great calm.

Then he asked them, “Why are you terrified?

Do you not yet have faith?”

They were filled with great awe and said to one another,

“Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?”

What are the waves in my life?	Jesus in my Boat	Where is my boat going?
What is my role in the boat?	What is my boat?	What are the winds in my life?
Who else is with me in my boat?		When did I last sense Jesus in my boat?
Who are in the other boats around me?		When are the waters around my boat still?
What does, "Peace, be still" look like in my life?		What would I like to say to Jesus, resting in my boat?

Tony distributed this worksheet, which you can download online from eoccc.org and find on the Mid-Year Institute Retreat page.