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In these times of unrest, it is good to gather together as a Catholic School community to share good news and know that our Ever-Present God is here with us as we continue to pray every day and work for justice. The parables of Jesus provide us with wonderful teachings. Father Michael Drumm, former chair of the Catholic Schools Partnership, describes the parable of the sower of seeds.



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“The good news is that the seed of faith has been sown in our lives. Amongst the most important are those that speak of a sower sowing seeds. Some seeds fell in thorns and were choked. Some fell in a drain and were drowned. Some fell in shallow earth and perished. And some fell in rich soil and yielded thirty, sixty, even a hundred-fold. People often read these parables in a moralistic way – making judgements about the quality of people. But the true meaning of these parables is that the Word of God will not be frustrated by anything human: while many seeds may not bear fruit, the true seed of the Word of God will yield a rich harvest in unexpected ways in our personal lives, in our families, in our parishes, and, yes, in our schools. The task of Christian faith is not to bemoan all that is wrong with us and our lives, but to have the eyes to see that even in the midst

*“Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called sons and
daughters of God.”
Matthew 5:9*

*of a sad and difficult world the seed of
God's Word is bearing fruit in ways that we
could never have imagined.”*

EOCCC continued to work throughout the summer with great teachers and administrators from across our region. We are in the final edits of a Kindergarten to Grade 6 resource based on learning in the great outdoors focusing on a stewardship approach to curriculum. This resource is based on the Universal Design for Learning model that gives all students equal opportunity to learn. The learning experiences are designed in flexible ways to meet the needs of individual learners from Kindergarten to grade 6. These hands-on, interactive outdoor learning experiences focus on expectations from the various curricular areas, including Religious Education with deep learning through inquiry and the benefits of experiential learning in nature. Based on the Environmental Education definition in the Ministry document Shaping Our Schools, Shaping our Future, the resource focuses on education about the environment, for the environment and in the environment and will help teachers and educators view the outdoors as an extension of their classroom. It will be posted on our website in the near future.

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EOCCC's 25th anniversary celebration will begin with a mass on April 2nd, 2020 at the St. Paul The Apostle Church, in Kingston.

Mark your calendar!

Our Language, Our Story - Character Development Through the Virtues – A resource for Ontario Catholic Schools, originally developed over ten years ago, was developed by Catholic educators in Eastern Ontario. It is a response to the call for character development in Ontario's publicly funded elementary and secondary schools. Its contents draw on our deepest values as a Catholic educational community – values which shape the character of all who teach and learn in our schools. These values are rooted in the language of Scripture and Tradition – the language of our story – from the preface. The resource includes extensive prayer materials including Advent prayer services for schools.



Our Language, Our Story

Character Development Through the Virtues
A Resource for Ontario Catholic Schools

EOCCC felt that a refresh of this resource was timely. Catholic educators continue to look for practical resources that build authentic, sound, distinctive Catholic curriculum, bringing together overall expectations with Catholic Social Teachings and/or virtues.

The writing team began the work this summer and will continue to write during the fall term. EOCCC wishes to thank OEECTA provincial for partnering with us on this special renewal project.

N'oubliez pas de visiter notre site web eoccc.org. Nous avons créé des ressources pour le Français langue seconde, le cours d'histoire de 10e année et celui des carrières de vie. Avez-vous vu celui pour le Village Upper Canada « Un voyage à travers le temps » ou celui pour les études sociales « Une enquête d'études sociales en FLS : mission possible! »?

As a reminder, please visit our website eoccc.org for some great resources for secondary and elementary classrooms. We have a wide selection of videos as well.



Shalom,

Charlotte Rouleau

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"Catholic Education: Serving in the Love of Christ"

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.