

Autumn News

2011

Welcome Back!

It is with great pleasure that the NOCCC staff says welcome back to our Directors, Superintendents, Principals, Chairs of Boards, teachers and all contributors to Catholic education to a new school year. We are hopeful that this new year will be both holy and successful for all those dedicated to Catholic education. NOCCC offers a variety of services to all participants and we ask that you do not hesitate to contact our office if we can be of assistance to you. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide

and direct all those who bring the message and spirit of the Gospels to the hearts of the children entrusted to our care.



NEW RELEASE!

Our curriculum release this month is the newly revised and condensed version of *Celebrating our Faith: Gift and Grace*. At the request of several of our teachers this smaller, more compact version was produced over the past year. It does not replace the larger, 500 paged resource which remains available. This new version has many of the same resources and several new ones. This version attempts to cover all significant feasts in the liturgical year and all activities celebrated throughout the school year. This new resource contains a beautiful liturgy for the celebration of Catholic virtues prepared by Michelle Hlusek of the Nipissing-Parry Sound CDSB in concert with Monsignor Norm Clement, Chaplain of the Nipissing-Parry Sound CDSB. The larger version will remain available to those schools and parishes who wish to use it. Our school administrators and teachers are reminded that NOCCC is available to assist with planning special liturgies or celebrations.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to John DeFaveri, Director of Education from the Thunder Bay CDSB on his retirement. We wish him a fond farewell and God's blessings throughout his retirement.

WELCOME!

A heartfelt welcome to Joan Powell in her new role as Director of Education for the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board. We welcome Joan to the NOCCC family of Catholic educators.

WITH GRATITUDE!

We offer special thanks to CPCO, OECTA and Nelson Publishing for their ongoing prayerful and financial support of NOCCC.

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COMING SOON!

NOCCC is presently working on the resource, *Celebrating the Seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church*. A sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ and all sacraments are a part of the liturgical tradition of the Catholic Church.

NOCCC is presently working on developing lesson plans to complement each sacrament and we invite any teacher who is interested in making a contribution to the resource to get in touch with the NOCCC office.

The Roman Catholic Church recognizes the seven sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance, the Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony. This resource attempts to give a clear picture of the seven sacraments by reviewing each one individually.

The resource will offer suggested lesson plans for each sacrament and a collection of activity sheets. NOCCC will be collaborating with a variety of teachers from our Partner boards as we attempt to integrate the teaching of the sacraments as they are presented in the religion programs of the Born of the Spirit catechesis.

All those searching the world wide web for Catholic resources are reminded that NOCCC, EOCCC and CCC websites are accessible on the web and almost all resources are free to download. If you have difficulty downloading, please feel free to contact the NOCCC office and we would be more than happy to accomplish this task for you.

WHEN FAITH MEETS PEDAGOGY 2011 - ROOM FOR ALL AT THE TABLE: GATHERED, NOURISHED AND SENT FORTH.

This annual conference will take place October 27, 28 and 29, 2011 at the Double Tree by Hilton, Toronto Airport. Scholar, Thomas Groome will open the conference and Mary Jo Leddy, well known for her work with refugees, will be the keynote speaker on Friday morning. Program, delegate registration and vendor registration information is available on the CCC website at www.catholiccurriculumcorp.com.

Prayer of Thanksgiving



Welcome Autumn, arms full of summer's blessing, carrying the seeds of life for next year's planting.

Come enter our homes with your golden wisdom: be our guest and share our table. Welcome!

May we be your students in the school of gratitude. Guide us in reflecting upon the summer now gone, that we might give thanks for all the many gifts that have enriched us in that season of growth.

You are the source of power: may we not fear you, but learn to live in holy harmony with you: May your Spirit that resides in us, live in harmony with the Spirit of the Holy One. Amen



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