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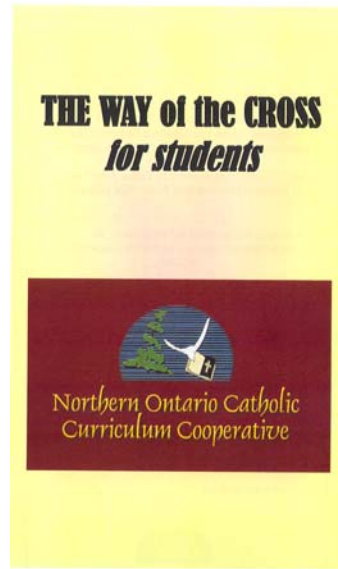
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THE WAY of the CROSS *For students*

The Northern Ontario Catholic Curriculum Cooperative released **THE WAY OF THE CROSS *for students*** during January 2005. This celebration was prepared by three students from St. Joseph-Scollard Hall, North Bay. The students formed a team during the summer of 2004 and under the direction of Suzanne Wishak the students prayed, sketched and published this 5½" x 8" booklet.

The Northern Ontario Catholic Curriculum Cooperative is frequently asked for *The Stations of the Cross* and the summer of 2004 presented the opportunity to accomplish this task. The pamphlet contains the fourteen Stations of the Cross and can be used by students personally or by whole classes who wish to make the Way of the Cross with a facilitator. The resource also includes suggestions for music and has pages included for personal reflection. The booklet is suitable for both elementary and secondary students.

The primary booklet contains the sketches of the fourteen stations that younger students can colour. Each station contains a section where the primary student can write a personal reflection. The primary booklet has the titles of each Station of the Cross translated for early French Immersion students.

NOCCC is very proud of this resource and we thank the students who gave their time to produce and sketch this wonderful little pamphlet. Thank you **Elizabeth Sutheran**, Grade 10, **Jesse George**, Grade 12, and **Thomas Sutheran**, Grade 12.

Lent is quickly approaching and as our schools prepare to celebrate this special time in our Liturgical Season, we believe this booklet will assist our students on their Lenten journey and lead them to the miracle of the Risen Christ. The pamphlet can be purchased individually or as a class set.

Ash Wednesday is February 9th.

*We Are An Easter People:
Lent, Easter, Spring Planning Guide*

In addition to the **Way of the Cross**, NOCCC also has a unit for Lent Easter and Spring. **We Are An Easter People** is a planning unit for grades 3-6. There is one unit for each grade and a shared resource/planning guide. It is not resource restrictive, but rather recommends types of resources and

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Grade 3-6
Revised 2000
Recommended hours of instruction - 155-170

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enough activities to allow these units to be used year after year, at all grade levels, without duplication, but with each year deepening the student's understanding of this great Christian feast.

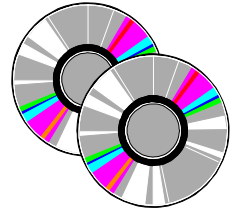
This is an excellent unit that you may find useful in strengthening the Catholic programs which you provide for your students and draw more tightly together the home, school and parishes which make these programs possible.

Check your shelves and ensure that all schools have this unit available for this special season of our liturgical year.

Literacy Strategies for Success Grades 3—6 and 7/8/9

During January two resources were forwarded to our partner boards in the form of a resource CD. These resources continue the effort to develop literacy skills. One CD encompasses grades 3-6 and the second one is for grades 7, 8 and 9.

Both CD's suggest a number of strategies and include a printable teacher's manual. Thank you to EOCCC, OCSOA and CPCO for making these available to NOCCC.



JUNIOR CURRICULUM RESOURCE: A PLANNING TEMPLATE

When elementary curriculum units were developed in 2003, there was no overall framework in which to locate them. This template encompasses Catholic themes, the Catholic Graduate Expectations, Ministry of Education goals and objectives. It presents the year at a glance, assists with long term planning, incorporates the journey activities and gives ideas for classroom teachers. It deals with the curriculum from grades 4 to 6 and addresses combined grades. There are a variety of teaching and assessment strategies suggested.

We anticipate the early release of this template and will be forwarding it to our partner Boards as soon as it becomes available to us from EOCCC.

Valentine's Day

What is love, that all the world should talk so much about
it?

Is it joy or is it pain?
Or is it both together?

Love is a giving and yet a treasure.

Having it we know no peace.

Wanting it, no pleasure.

Would we shun it if we could?

In fact, I almost doubt it.

For I would rather bear its sting

Then

Live my life without it.

On this special day of the year let us remember the children of the Tsunami disaster who may believe they have no one to love them enough to pray for them. Through our prayers we can all let them know that they are not forgotten. As we think of these devastated children let us remember our Holy Father's general intention for January: "For people working for peace in the Middle East: may they never tire in their efforts to succeed."