

# CARFLEO Newsletter

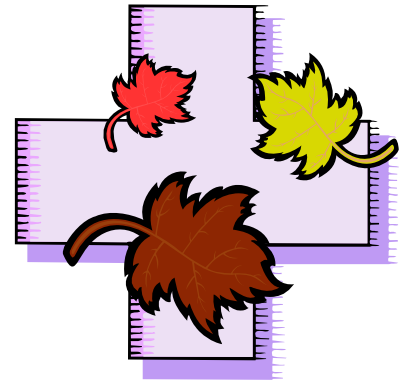
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**Flat Out...** is the speed at which this school year started. Things are not moving any slower!!! The times we live in have heightened awareness of Catholic identity. Religious Education/ Family Life teachers and consultants are finding themselves stretched thinner than ever as all sectors of our schools boards search for the apt turn of phrase that will inspire. Financial officers and shipper/receivers, moderns teachers and custodians are all hearing the call to enter more deeply into the heart of the mystery of Catholic education. We are flattered by the attention and a little bit flattened... May you all experience the 'rejuvenating' peace of Christ.

Dan Reidy  
Chair, CARFLEO



## **Board Membership**

Welcome back if you are registered.

We'll be in touch shortly if it looks like we failed to reach you. The form is attached. If you know we missed you, please contact Treasurer, Michael Jenny [jennym@hcdsb.org](mailto:jennym@hcdsb.org)

## **OCSTA Funding Envelopes**

OCSTA requested consultation from CARFLEO to devise and interpret a survey of distinctly Catholic school board costs. The results were not unduly alarming at this point. This survey is a first step in formally monitoring the extent to which MOE enveloping or 'sweating' might impinge on the capacity of Catholic Boards to offer distinctly Catholic programmes and services.

## **When Faith Meets Pedagogy**

We are pleased to have been recognized as a valued sponsor of the CCC's When Faith Meets Pedagogy conference. We were able to sponsor the conference in general as well as to offer two workshops: Gr 7/8 Family Life and Grief and Loss. Nice to have seen you all...

## **Character Formation**

You've heard many and varied comments on the nature of Character Formation in Catholic schools. The conversation has proceeded on a serpentine trajectory. Catholic community staff in the LNS office have been exerting their influence over the next stage of the initiative. We've been told to expect a much more substantial and focused response than the initial musings of *Finding Common Ground*, with a clear support for uniquely Catholic directions in this area.

## **Grade 7 & 8 Family Life Supplement.**

Lessons supporting topics including: Bullying Prevention, Dating & Relationships, Pornography, Contemporary Family Structures, Stress and Grief, STI's, Same Sex Attractions and Suicide are complete.

They are in the hands of the OCCB Education Commission for final approval. Look for the units to be released as a pilot in the next 6 -8 weeks. All boards will receive and are encouraged to make use of all of the approved resources. Boards will be invited to validate one or more units with targeted feedback.

## **2006 Secondary Religious Education Policy Document**

The 2006 policy document continues to present challenges to forward planning across the province. Recent information from ICE indicates that Gr. 11 And 12 M and O, along with a local workplace offering will be the most prudent direction in the foreseeable future. Boards have been innovating with a variety of informal groupings e.g. Mu and Mc, in order to preserve academic integrity in the discipline.

In the near future, an invitation will be extended to participate in one of a series of regional teleconferences. The conversation will be three fold: Describe your Board's stage in the process of implementing the 2006 Policy Document. Describe further resources you need to translate the 2006 policy document to M, O and workplace courses at Gr 11 / 12 including credit recovery. Share what or who you have in your Board to support the implementation of the 2006 policy document at the provincial level. (potential resources and /or writers who could contribute to a provincial initiative)

## **Catholic Pathways**

Joe Bezzina (LDCSB) and Tony Cosentino (RCDB) are completing the final draft of a very profound reflection paper on pathways to success in the Catholic school. Research, commentary and reflection questions come together in a very compelling conversation that marks a much needed foundational step on the way to proposing distinctly Catholic pathways in areas such as social justice and pastoral care work. The paper is in peer review at select local boards.

## **WWW.CARFLEO.ORG**

The website continues to gather great hit numbers and to be awesome. Contact [les.miller@ycdsb.org](mailto:les.miller@ycdsb.org) to contribute your excellent resources and links.

## **CARFLEO Conference & AGM April 2 & 3 2008**

*Nottawasaga Inn... with a huge focus on **Family Life**...* Registration details are coming soon...

## **Our Catholic Schools: Summary Report**

The summary report to the initial Our Catholic Schools survey have been released.

Consider:

1. How will you personally promote and protect Ontario Catholic education?
  - a. What can be done in your home, at your school, in your parish this year?
  - b. What can be done in your community this year?
  - c. What can be done by the Ontario Catholic education partners this year?
  
2. How will you personally strengthen the ties between home, school and parish?
  - a. What can your schools do this year?
  - b. What can your families do this year?
  - c. What can your parishes do this year?
  
3. How will you personally be more authentic and true to your Catholic identity and Catholic faith?

### **2006/2008 Executive Committee**

Dan Reidy, *Chair*, Les Miller, *Past Chair*, Michael Jenny, *Treasurer*, Paul Beaudette, *Secretary*

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- INDIVIDUAL \$45.00

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