



CARFLEO

CARFLEO originated from the amalgamation of two organizations: **CRECO** (Catholic Religious Education Consultants of Ontario) and **OCFLEN** (Ontario Catholic Family Life Educators Network).

Founded in 1975, **CRECO** was established to support Religious Education consultants throughout Ontario through its advocacy, conferences and curriculum development to further the cause of Catholic Education.

The Ontario Catholic Family Life Educators Network was committed to the advancement and improvement of Family Life Education in Catholic schools. Founded in 1995, **OCFLEN** hosted several conferences dedicated to Family Life education issues; published several newsletters and developed a web site.

In the 2002-3 academic year, the two organizations joined to create **CARFLEO** (Catholic Association of Religious and Family Life Educators of Ontario). A new executive was elected at the April 29, 2004 AGM in Ottawa.

In 2005 **CREO** (Catholic Religious Educators of Ontario) merged with **CARFLEO** to form a single association dedicated to Religious and Family Life Education in Ontario

The elected and appointed members of the executive for 2007-8 are:

- Paul BeaudetteSecretary
- Joe Bezzina
- Wendy Bodsworth
- Sherry Chapman
- Peter Crane
- Michael Jenny ... Treasurer
- Sharron McKeever
- Leslie Miller ... Past-Chair & Web Site
- John Podgorski
- Daniel Reidy ... Chair
- Mary Ann Takacs
- Kevin Welbes Godin

CARFLEO Partners

- **ICE** www.occb.on.ca/ice/default.cfm?category=50
- **OCCB** www.occb.on.ca
- **CCCB** www.catholiccurriculumcorp.org/
- **CCC** www.catholic-curr-coop.org
- **Eastern Ontario CCC** www.eoccc.org
- **Northern Ontario CCC** www.noccc.on.ca
- **CPCO** www.cpco.on.ca
- **OCSOA** www.ocsoa.ca
- **OCSTA** www.ocsta.on.ca
- **OECTA** www.oecta.on.ca
- **CSCO** www.csko.ca

CARFLEO Publications

We Remember

A Sacramental Preparation Program for Students with Developmental Disabilities Eucharist

We Celebrate Forgiveness

A Sacramental Preparation Program for Students with Developmental Disabilities.

Science and Technology in Catholic Education and inservice

Homosexuality and the Catholic High School (OCFLEN)

Supports for Turning Points and Reaching Out (OCFLEN)

Think Literacy for Religious and Family Life Education

These publications are available for downloading from the **CARFLEO** website, www.carfleo.org.

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of Religious and Family Life
Educators of Ontario*

***CARFLEO**
Dedicated to supporting
Catholic Educators in the
delivery of quality
Religious and Family Life
Education*

CARFLEO Goals

On behalf of Religious and Family Life Educators in Ontario, CARFLEO promotes the mission of the association and enhances the distinctive contribution of Catholic education to the Church and society by providing leadership and service in four critical areas:

Networking and Affiliation-CARFLEO acts as official liaison to the Institute for Catholic Education and related Catholic education affiliates.

Professional Development- CARFLEO provides education and training opportunities for its membership through conferences, workshops, speakers, web-based learning, and the gathering and dissemination of relevant curriculum resources; opportunities for adult faith formation of its members; and recognition of exemplary contributions of its esteemed members through the presentation of annual awards.

Advocacy-CARFLEO participates as an informed voice that speaks out on behalf of Catholic educators; and provides an interpretive lens on the nature, purpose and value of religious and family life education to the wider society, and to those charged with the responsibility of governing, leading or training Catholic educators in the province.

Research and Development-CARFLEO finances and contributes to the development and promotion of curricula and educational resources for Religious Education and Family Life.

Website www.carfleo.org

Features include:

- The entire set of **course profiles** for the Grade 9 to 12 Religious Education courses – partial profiles can be found on the OCC website
- Links to support the teaching of the Religious Education and Family Life Education Curricula. **Grade-by-Grade Links** support the National Office of Religious Education’s catechetical series.
- **In-service files** to support implementation of new programs. Currently Grades 10 and 12 are posted on the website. New Family Life inservice files have recently been added.
- A set of **articles** important to Catholic Educators can be found in the resources section.
- CARFLEO publications and information about awards, conferences, and things of interest to Catholic educators.

In-services

CARFLEO executive are able to conduct and arrange for in-services to support the implementation of Religious Education and Family Life Education throughout the province. These offerings include such resources as:

- New CCCB and OCCB programs
- New and changing Family Life curriculum/ issues
- In cooperation with the Institute for Catholic Education, we continue to help in-service **the Pastoral Care of Students with Same Sex Attraction**
- Workshops to support **the new CARFLEO documents on sacramental preparation** for special needs students
- In-services to respond to **needs expressed by consortia and school boards where feasible**

Documents

CARFLEO is working on several projects that are available to boards in the form of hard copy documents or electronic files:

- Family Life supplements in the Intermediate division
- Sacramental Preparation for Students with Special Needs (Eucharist, Reconciliation)
- Teacher Background document on Stem Cell Research
- Newsletters
- Think Literacy for Religious Education & Family Life

Conferences

- Annual CARFLEO conferences
- Sponsor of **When Faith Meets Pedagogy**
- Willingness to assist with other Consortium conferences

Advocacy

Representation on:

- Institute for Catholic Education’s Curriculum Committee
- Ontario Teacher’s Federation Subject Association meetings
- Ministry of Education Subject Division meetings
- National Office of Religious Education’s Adult Faith Advisory Committee, on request.
- Catholic Organization for Life and Family

Membership

Most Ontario educators belong to CARFLEO through board membership. Individual CARFLEO memberships are available on request. See our website at www.carfleo.org

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