



Catholic Association of Religious
and Family Life Educators of Ontario

SEASON MIRRORING SEASON... Deep in the heart of winter, we crave the new light and life of spring. February offers teasing hints of warmer, brighter days before plunging us back into the deep freeze. † Lent came early this year – desert days in a dark time. Our Lenten contemplation can reveal glimmers of light and life - hints of the greatness in our own lives. Our challenge is to gather the hints and flashes of our best selves. Over 40 days, those hints and flashes gently coalesce into a **new heart** ready to spring forth with the dawn of Easter and Resurrection time.

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### **CARFLEO Annual Conference**

April 11-12, 2005

- **Bedrock and Shifting Sands: The Promise of Catholic Education**
- Keynote *and* facilitator Msgr Dennis Murphy
- Queen of Apostles Retreat Center, Mississauga Ontario
- Call your Religion Department for registration flyers or check out [www.carfleo.org](http://www.carfleo.org)

### **High School Forum XIX**

May 12-14<sup>th</sup>, 2005

- St. Jeromes' College, Waterloo, ON
- Featuring...Jane Ayer, Sean Dolan, Paul Hansen,
- Dr Meg Lavin, Cathy Wright, and the Abraham Festival. Check out [www.highschoolforum.ca](http://www.highschoolforum.ca)

### **CSCO Conference**

April 20-22, 2005 (registration & hospitality April 19th at 7:00 p.m.)

- "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water. (John 7:38)"
- Featuring speakers include: Edwina Gately, Terry Gallagher, and Paul McKenna.
- Mount Carmel Retreat Centre in Niagara Falls. [www.cscoc.ca](http://www.cscoc.ca)

### **When Faith Meets Pedagogy X**

- October 27th, 28th and 29th 2005
- DoubleTree International Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre located at 650 Dixon Road, Toronto.
- Join David Wells and a host of talented Catholic educators [www.catholic-curr-coop.org](http://www.catholic-curr-coop.org)

### **HOT TOPICS...**

#### ***Pastoral Guidelines to Assist Students of Same-Sex Orientation***

The guidelines have been released to school boards. Locally developed roll-out plans continue into the spring using OCCB power point resources in consultation with writing team members.

Contact Tom Reilly at OCCB for further assistance.

[www.occb.on.ca](http://www.occb.on.ca)

### **BEST PRACTICES...**

CARFLEO members continue to develop materials and resources in support of Catholic educators in Ontario. A lot of great ideas and links are already posted at [www.carfleo.org](http://www.carfleo.org).

Send in your success stories and even locally developed resources that support on going CARFLEO projects such as:

- *Reconciliation* preparation for students with special needs
- *Local* speakers and presenters who should be in our *Speakers Bureau* database
- *Activities* or *weblinks* to complement grade level Religion and Family Life programs

### **CALL FOR NOMINEES...**

#### **Archbishop Pocock Award**

CARFLEO presents the Archbishop Pocock Award, annually, to an outstanding Ontario Catholic Religious Educator. To nominate Sharron McKeever at [jm3@idirect.com](mailto:jm3@idirect.com)

#### **YOUR OPINION...**

What would you change to help **FULLY ALIVE** better conform to your local needs?

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