



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

MAY 2, – MAY 7, 2010

“Catholic Education: Rejoicing in Hope”

Rejoice in the Lord always ... and the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:4,9)

In a world that often fixates on the negative, divisive and cynical, the goodness and giftedness that comes from our school and other Catholic schools can be overlooked. This year's Catholic Education Week (May 2-7) celebrates our schools with this theme: *Catholic Education: Rejoicing in Hope*. The scriptural text comes from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians where he writes, “Rejoice in the Lord always ... and the God of peace will be with you.” (Phil 4:4,9) We have accomplished many wonderful things this year; let's take some time during Catholic Education Week to celebrate them!

There are five sub-themes, one for each day of Catholic Education Week:

Monday:	Hope in Our Hearts
Tuesday:	Hope in Our Homes
Wednesday:	Hope in Our Schools
Thursday:	Hope in Our Communities
Friday:	Hope in Our World

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) provides our Catholic schools with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week. Using these resources as well as our own school developed activities that we will be preparing over the next few weeks, to highlight why our school should “Rejoice in Hope.”

We hope to see many of you during our festivities and invite you to pray along with us this Catholic Education Week:

Loving God,
We praise you and we bless you.
Give us wisdom and courage to be messengers of hope in our world.
Let us be marked with integrity and unity in our vocations,
to be living signs of your joyful hope.
Help us dispel clouds of despair and doubt.
When we flag, bring us back to the Gospel.
Help us to reach beyond our comfortable boundaries
to those who need your love and justice.
May our schools teach peace to the world through their words and witness.
May we speak for our beautiful yet wounded planet,
to take bold steps towards our healing.
May we continue to dream that one day our entire world will Rejoice in Hope.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, Light of the World.
Amen