Catholic Education Week 2015 begins on Sunday, May 3. Catholic schools across Ontario will be taking part in a variety of events, to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly-funded Catholic Education. The main theme for this year's celebration entitled Catholic Education: Exploring Paths of Joy is inspired by the work of Pope Francis and his "Joy of the Gospel". Sub-themes are inspired by the biblical story of "The Road to Emmaus", namely that we are all on a life journey of faith where Jesus reveals himself to us.

Last year's province-wide simultaneous Mass was very successful, and the Catholic Board Council of the Ontario Student Trustees Association is planning for an even bigger and better celebration this year. The symbolism of holding this unified Mass as one Catholic congregation, on the same day, May 7, will show the strength of Catholic Education in our province. Prior to the Mass, schools will receive DVD's with video messages from their local Bishop/Archbishop which can be played before Mass begins.

Discover what other celebrations are happening in the Catholic schools in your board. Contact your local Catholic school and Catholic School Board to find out what events are scheduled. Volunteer to help if possible, and plan to attend. Join others in celebrating the significant contribution that Catholic Education has made to the community, the province and to Canada.

Choose, embrace and help strengthen our publicly-funded Catholic schools.

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