



*“As God who called you is holy, be holy yourselves.”*  
1 Peter 1:15-16

### **Catholic Education Week**

Each year, during Catholic Education Week, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration to promote the distinct identity and significant contributions Catholic education makes to students, their families, our Church and the fabric of society. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

The theme for this year’s celebration is: “Catholic Education: Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness” and will take place during the week of May 3 – May 8.

In light of the canonization of Blessed Carlos Acutis, the Catholic Education Week theme will focus on the Pastoral Letter to Young People issued by the Bishops of Canada in October 2022 ([https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/CCCB\\_Pastoral-Letter-to-Young-People\\_EN\\_WEB-125ppi.pdf](https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/CCCB_Pastoral-Letter-to-Young-People_EN_WEB-125ppi.pdf)). There are five sub-themes, one for each day of Catholic Education Week and they are aimed at helping staff and students to reflect more fully on what being *Pilgrims of Hope* means to them. The five sub-themes are:

Day 1:	Peace be with you
Day 2:	God loves you
Day 3:	Christ saves you
Day 4:	The Holy Spirit lives in you
Day 5:	Together on the journey

All Catholic Education Week materials are posted on the OCSTA website at: [www.goodnewsforall.ca](http://www.goodnewsforall.ca).

A special thank you to CWL Members for all you do to celebrate and promote the precious gift of publicly funded Catholic education and for our shared commitment to “place Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church at the centre” of students’ learning experiences.

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