

Ordinary Time began on Monday, May 25th. Prayer table cloths should be green throughout this season until November 29, 2015, the first Sunday of Advent. During Advent, the prayer table cloths will change to purple until Christmas. For specific feast and solemnity dates when cloths should be red or white please visit <http://www.romcal.net/output/2015.html>

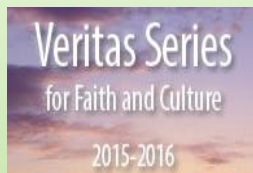
Christian Meditation With Children

Meditation is found in all religious traditions. In Christianity it is the heart of the contemplative teaching of Jesus on prayer. Meditation, in the Christian tradition, is often called the **prayer of the heart**. It is important to note that Christian Meditation does not replace other forms of prayer. Quite the reverse, it revives their meaning.

We have been using Christian Meditation with Children in many of our schools over the past year. It is inspiring to see how simply and directly children can learn both to meditate and to love the practice - and all it brings to their lives. It is a way of simplicity, silence and stillness. We are delighted to be introducing Christian Meditation in more of our schools this year. For more information on the benefits of Christian Meditation visit <http://wccm.org/content/what-meditation> or contact Terri Sinasac at terri.sinasac@sccdsb.net

King's College Veritas Series for Faith and Culture

Through the series King's College "endeavours to foster learning and dialogue by gathering scholars, artists, and activists who support and challenge us in living lives of faith and justice in the 21st Century."



For information on the series which runs from September through March please click the image to the left.

Free admission and parking.

**7:30 Joanne and Peter Kenny Theatre - London
(7 different dates)**

King's College Chaplains' Newsletter

The Chaplains' Newsletter is full of information, news, links and more. For archived copies of the newsletters, click on the image to the left.



To receive the Chaplains' newsletter through email please contact: communications@kings.uwo.ca

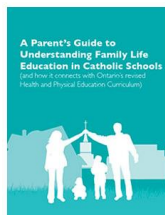
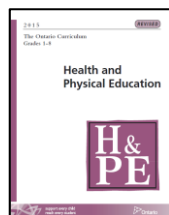
Health and Physical Education Resources



**Institute for
Catholic Education**

The revised Health and Physical Education (HPE) curriculum, released in the February, 2015 was last updated in 1998. The HPE curriculum contains new material related to mental health, online safety and the risks of sexting, respect for self and consent within healthy relationships, and respect for diversity.

The Institute for Catholic Education (ICE), with the guidance of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario are working together to create resources to ensure that these new expectations will be taught in ways consistent with our Catholic teachings, appropriate within the context of our Catholic classrooms. A series of parent booklets have been developed to explain how the expectations of the revised HPE curriculum will be delivered as part of the family life curriculum offered in Catholic schools.



These brochures will be sent home, one per student, and are also available for download at: <http://iceont.ca/>

Thanksgiving Table Prayer

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son.

Amen.

From [Celebrating Faith: Year-round Activities For Catholic Families](#), by Mary Cronk Farrell

Staff can find a Thanksgiving Prayer Service on the Chaplaincy Page in the St. Clair staffroom:

<https://staffroom.st-clair.net/specific-occasions.aspx>

Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ Religion Resources In Your Schools



Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ is a Religious Education program, sponsored by the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario that has recently been purchased for our Grade 1 and Grade 2 classrooms. The program has been guided by the *Catholic Elementary Curriculum Policy Document for Religious Education, Grades 1–8*, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the General Directory for Catechesis.

Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ creates strong links between home, school, and parish. The classroom experience helps students to deepen their love of God and their neighbours. The program seeks to engage students in knowing and living their faith. This will not only help them today, but will also prepare them for tomorrow as they grow and mature and make significant contributions to our society as faith-filled Catholics who radiate the joy of believing.

Pope Francis Addresses Families at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia



"With families, there is always light. ... The family is like a factory of hope, a factory of Resurrection."

www.abcnews.com

"Pope Francis asked the worshipers to consider how they share God's love with people in their families and in the world around them. "

For more coverage of Pope Francis' visit to the United States visit <http://www.catholicnews.com/>

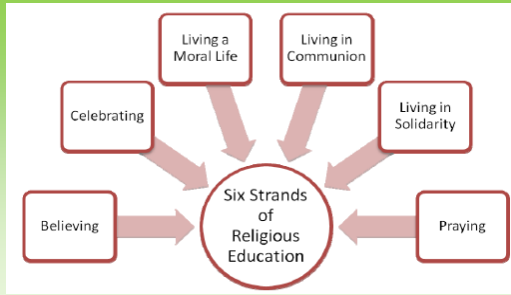
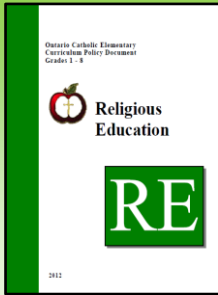
Living Our Faith Website

Helpful, current and useful resources for everyone! Information, prayers, links, personal reflection, and learning opportunities!

The Living Our Faith webpage is full of links for parents, children, community members and staff.

Consider adding a link to this website in your classroom or school newsletter to inform our parents. To enter the site, click on the image below. This link is found on the Homepage of the St. Clair Catholic Website. www.st-clair.net





For the next two newsletters, we will continue to highlight the remaining strands in the Religious Education Policy Document. Please see the section below highlighting the **Living in Communion Strand**. To view strands previously explored visit this link:

Living in Communion Strand (as cited in the Elementary Religious Education Policy Document (2012))

The Living in Communion Strand in the Elementary Religious Education Policy Document (2012) focuses on our belonging to the Church as the Body of Christ: our involvement within community, our call to vocation and our sharing in the mission of the church. It is connected to the strand *Living in Solidarity*, which extends this concept of communion to include Catholic social teaching and witnessing to Christ for the whole of humankind. The second fundamental concept included in this strand focuses on the communion of Saints.

In this strand, students will learn that their faith, while it is a very personal matter, is not a private relationship between the individual and God. It is a faith lived out in community – in family, in parish and school, in neighbourhood, and with the world community of believers. Students will learn that the communal relationship within the Holy Trinity serves as a foundation and model for all community relationships: God with us, humankind with God, humans with each other and the rest of creation.

The list of *Hope Expectations* that precedes the overall and specific expectations for each division (primary, junior, intermediate) are there to remind teachers of the essential importance of religious education to the broader process of evangelization. The Hope Expectations for the Living in Communion Strand are:

By the end of Grade 3:

- ❖ Recognize Jesus as a companion and friend who travels with them on the journey of their lives;
- ❖ Reflect on the example of the Saints as models for their own lives;
- ❖ Appreciate the communal nature of human persons and the communal nature of the Church: communion with God and all of God's creation.

By the end of Grade 6:

- ❖ Recognize Jesus as a companion and friend who travels with them on the journey of their lives;
- ❖ Appreciate what it means to be a member of the Body of Christ and accept the responsibility of this gift;
- ❖ Participate as an active member in the prayer life of the Communion of Saints to help those saints among us and those who have gone before us and who are in need of our prayers;
- ❖ Recognize and believe in Mary as the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church.

By the end of Grade 8:

- ❖ Strive to integrate faith with all areas of their life: personal, social, academic, etc. in order to show God's love and promote God's reign on earth;
- ❖ Appreciate what it means to be a member of the Body of Christ and accept the responsibility of this gift;
- ❖ Appreciate the role of the Holy Spirit in initiating believers into the communion of saints, forming them for a life of service and promoting in them a holy and virtuous life.