



Companions on the Journey

By Kevin Wendling & Rick Ciupa, Conference Co-chairs, Niagara Catholic DSB

The administrators of the Niagara Catholic District School Board are anxious to welcome you on April 19 and 20 to the Niagara region for the 2007 CPCO Conference. The theme Companions on the Journey indicates that we are not alone as we work in the light of the Lord on behalf of the students and staff under our care.

Our committee has worked diligently to bring you an excellent conference set in one of the most beautiful areas of our province. The program promises to offer something for everyone. Encourage a friend to attend with you and experience the companionship of your colleagues around the province as we travel on our journey in Catholic education.

Our educational leader and director, Angelo Di Ianni will open the conference and share his perspective of Catholic leadership with us on Thursday evening as our keynote speaker. His Excellency Bishop James Wingle, the faith leader of the Niagara CDSB will celebrate the Eucharist on Friday, April 20. Father Thomas Rosica, a truly entertaining and enlightening keynote speaker will share his ideas concerning "Models of Biblical Leadership for Catholic Educators Today". Our final keynote speaker on Friday afternoon will be the minister of education, Kathleen Wynne.

You are encouraged to visit the wonderful displays that our many vendors will have set up and have your passport signed. Enter your passport for the much anticipated draw for valuable prizes. Proceeds will be donated to the Niagara Peninsula Children's Center and the Wells of Hope Project.

On the Friday evening, we will be celebrating this year's CPCO award winners at the Annual Gala Dinner. This will be a time to connect with old friends and make new ones, as we share our stories, journeys and experiences. The professional development we gather over these two days can only help us as we journey together knowing that we are not alone in our development and concerns about Catholic education.

Thank you to all of the hard-working committee members of the Niagara CDSB for your endless enthusiasm, support and tireless dedication to this conference.

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