



The Journey Continues

Companions on the Journey

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When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Colossians 3:4

The companions in Catholic education of the Niagara Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) are pleased and proud to welcome our colleagues from across the province to the 2007 CPCO Annual Conference. This event will be held in Niagara Falls on April 19 and 20 at the Niagara Fallsview Casino Resort and Hilton Niagara Falls. This is also a special time for Catholic education in the Niagara region as it marks the 150th anniversary of Catholic education in our area. It is truly an honour to share our home with you during this conference as we celebrate our history.

The conference hotels overlook Niagara Falls, in all its splendour and glory. We hope that the fellowship and collegiality developed during this conference will be as apparent as the mist and the rainbows that are an integral part of the beauty and tranquility of this cataract.

The conference will begin Thursday evening April 19 with a presentation by Angelo Di Ianni, Director of Education of the NCDSB who will address the participants on Perspectives of Catholic Leadership. He has been director of the NCDSB for the past 11 years and has served as chairperson of the Council of Directors' of Education (CODE). During his tenure at Niagara Catholic,

Angelo Di Ianni's ongoing accomplishments in the areas of teaching practice, scholarship and service to the profession we know as Catholic education have been exemplary. He was recently honoured by Niagara University as the Canadian Administrator of the Year.

We are pleased to announce that Bishop James Wingle, the pastoral leader of the NCDSB will celebrate the Mass Friday morning. Bishop Wingle, another companion on our journey in Catholic education, was ordained a priest in April 1977 for the Diocese of Pembroke. He was installed as the Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines in January 2002. He is a member of the Pontifical Council for Health Pastoral Care and is the co-treasurer on the executive of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Bishop Wingle was greatly involved with the Episcopal Committee for World Youth Day in 2002.

Our keynote speaker for Friday morning is Father Tom Rosica, CSB. He was ordained a priest in 1986 and holds advanced degrees in Theology and Sacred Scripture from Regis College in the Toronto School of Theology (1985), the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome (1991) and the École Biblique et Archéologique Française de Jérusalem

(1993). He served as National Director and CEO of World Youth Day in 2002 and the Papal visit to Canada. As of July 2003, Father Rosica is the CEO of the Salt and Light Television Network. He is a member of the General Council of the Congregation of Priests of St. Basil. Father Tom Rosica's topic - Models of Biblical Leadership for Catholic Educators Today - will inspire us as we journey in our own vocations.

The speakers for our breakout sessions offer a diverse range of topics from which participants may choose.

- Eric Roher will discuss legal issues that affect us in our daily journey.
- Father Jim Mulligan will call our attention to the challenges to Catholic education.
- Dr. Jean Clinton will address the skills needed for Asset Building as we work in partnership with our community to foster a meaningful learning environment for the children in our care.
- Bruce Drewitt, from the Ministry of Education will inform us of provincial directions in Special Education.
- Father Tony McNamara will challenge and strengthen our vocation as Catholic leaders as he reflects upon Living Our Baptismal Vocation – the Foundation and Source of Catholic Leadership using Scripture and Humour.



We invite you to participate in the 2007 Conference in Niagara Falls on April 19 and 20, 2007. Mark your calendars. Join your Companions at the Falls, a place that demonstrates both the glory of God in its surroundings and the inspiration needed to continue on our pilgrimage of life as Companions on the Journey.