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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

John 1:1, 14


The principals and vice-principals of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board are honoured to host the 11th annual CPCO conference April 30 to May 2, 2009. Our theme *Celebrating the Human Face of God* will provide us the opportunity to gather together to celebrate our successes as leaders in Catholic education in the province of Ontario. We are blessed to be able to unite as one in purpose, one in action, one in faith and yet be encouraged to embrace our diversity and the diversity of the communities we serve. The conference will give us the opportunity to integrate our knowledge, skills and values as disciples of Christ and challenge each other to love, serve and celebrate by answering the Gospel call of Jesus.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is one of the largest and most diverse school districts in Ontario, with 144 Catholic schools (121 elementary and 23 secondary) throughout Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon and Dufferin County. Currently we have a student enrolment of about 88,000 students (55,000 elementary and 33,000 secondary). With approximately 10,000 employees, the board is also one of the largest employers in the region. The mission of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, in partnership with the family and church, is to provide, in a responsible manner, a Catholic education which develops spiritual, intellectual, aesthetic, emotional, social and physical capabilities of each individual to live fully today and to meet the challenges of the future, thus enriching the community. It is our aspiration that through this conference, our mission may become entwined with yours to promote action in our schools where every individual's contribution, whatever it may be, is valued and celebrated.

The conference is being held at the Doubletree by Hilton - Toronto Airport hotel, situated minutes from Pearson International Airport. The hotel is an outstanding convention facility that offers exceptional recreation, dining options and an advantageous location, making it the perfect choice for our conference. While here you may want to enjoy some of the sites of the area: a stroll on the promenade of Lake Ontario; the cultural realm at the Living Arts Centre; golfing at renowned courses; or shopping at Square One. If you would like to venture outside of Dufferin-Peel, a short drive will give you the opportunity to enjoy downtown

Toronto or Canada's Wonderland. The abundance of attractions is only limited by your available time with us.

At the previous CPCO conference in April 2008, we extended our initial invitation to attend the 2009 conference. At that time, we gave the attendees a mirror with the theme *Celebrating the Human Face of God* etched in the mirror. We chose the mirror as our symbol for this conference, as we wanted everyone to have a clear image of the human face of God. We look forward to celebrating the image that is reflected in the mirror - YOU. The principals and vice-principals of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board look forward to celebrating you and with you at the 2009 CPCO Conference.



Come and Celebrate
CPCO's 11th Annual Conference

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Celebrating the Human Face of God

2009 Conference & Annual General Meeting
April 30 - May 2, 2009

Hosted by the Dufferin-Peel
Catholic Principals and Vice-principals

