



# Celebrating *the* Human Face of God

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**W**e hope that you have marked your calendars to ensure your arrival in Toronto on April 30, 2009. The principals and vice-principals of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District CPCO unit are preparing for and very excited about welcoming all of our colleagues from across the province to CPCO's annual conference, *Celebrating the Human Face of God*. Celebrating the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CPCO, our conference promises to have keynote speakers and workshops that will nourish us professionally, personally and spiritually.

The conference begins on Thursday evening with a wonderful gathering and sharing in a meaningful liturgy that will welcome and set the tone for the conference. The liturgy will be a reminder that our students and we are truly the human face of God. The entire conference will flow from this theme to embrace us, inspire us and sustain us in our daily work with young people. Following dinner Stephen Lewis, a veteran Canadian diplomat will continue to unpack our theme and help us to understand its importance in the world. Thursday night will culminate with an invitation to join us in a social setting, to meet with both old and new friends.

On Friday morning the conference opens with a keynote address by the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, minister of education. She will discuss the vision of leadership within the Catholic schools of Ontario.

The afternoon program will close with Mass beginning at 4 p.m. Auxilliary Bishop of Toronto Peter Hundt will celebrate the Mass. He will be joined on the altar by Father Jim Roth, chaplain of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board.

Our workshops will cover a plethora of current issues that face Ontario schools. They will touch on such topics as *Aboriginal Rights and Education, Differentiated Learning, Boys and Girls Learn Differently, Welcoming and Inclusion of ELL Students, LArche Community* and many more topics. These workshops are designed to provide us with some guidelines regarding our present and future practice, and stimulate discussion so that we can plan for the continued success of the Catholic schools in our province. Additional information will be forthcoming in CPCO's weekly electronic magazine.

Be sure to join us in celebration and learning at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Toronto Airport Hotel situated just minutes from Pearson International Airport. This conference will be exciting, relaxing, spiritually and educationally uplifting. See you there.

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