



Welcome to Windsor-Essex

No one after lighting a lamp hides it under a jar, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a lamp stand, so that those who enter may see the light.

Luke 8:16

The principals and vice-principals of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board are thrilled to serve as your hosts for the 12th CPCO Annual Conference April 22 and April 23, 2010. We will provide an opportunity to share bread, connect with fellow principals and vice-principals and collectively reflect on our role as Catholic administrators. The occasion to gather, *Embracing our Catholic Vocation*, is not only reflective of our theme, but is also an opportunity to display proudly our light on the lamp stand of Ontario schools.

The Windsor-Essex Catholic DSB includes 23,000 students attending 41 elementary and nine secondary schools throughout the Windsor-Essex region. Our director Joseph Berthiaume states, "As a Catholic school system, we continually respond to the call to lead our students to live lives that reflect our Gospel teachings." Our *Catholic Character Development* and *Journey to Holiness Initiatives* are just two examples of how our administrators continue to embrace our Catholic vocation. We are blessed to be able to extend this commitment to our CPCO colleagues.

Many of you experienced a taste of our Windsor hospitality at the April 2009 annual conference. We are well underway in preparing for a memorable and dynamic conference in 2010 to be held at Caesars Windsor. This exceptional location offers the essence of beauty, comfort and luxury with its 10,000-square-foot natural atrium and fitness centre, with indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna and state-of-the-art fitness equipment. Once again, we are proud to feature the band, Bigg Wiggle on a return engagement during

Thursday's hospitality event. The band is led by one of our very own CPCO members.

Allow us to indulge you with two days of non-stop activity, learning experiences and congenial partnerships to enhance your role as a Catholic administrator.

Our liturgical, program and hospitality committees are working diligently to provide you with an experience geared to meet your needs. In the ever-changing world of Catholic education, we are comforted knowing that our faith is the one constant that we can count on to guide us in our professional and personal lives. It is our hope that our Catholic framework for the 2010 conference will give you the support and encouragement to continue your personal journey to holiness as you serve the students, families and communities of your individual schools.

As co-chairs, one of our goals throughout the conference is to feature the skills and talents of the students and administrators of the Windsor-Essex Catholic DSB. You will have an opportunity to be fully immersed in the artistic talents that embed and weave our theme, *Embracing our Catholic Vocation*.

The rose plant, bookmark and door prizes we distributed at our hospitality night during last year's conference were reflective of our theme and our city. They were the welcoming invitations to capture how important you are to us as attendees at the 2010 annual conference. Catholic principals and vice-principals are special! We are enthusiastically waiting to embrace you on April 22, 2010, in the City of Roses.

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