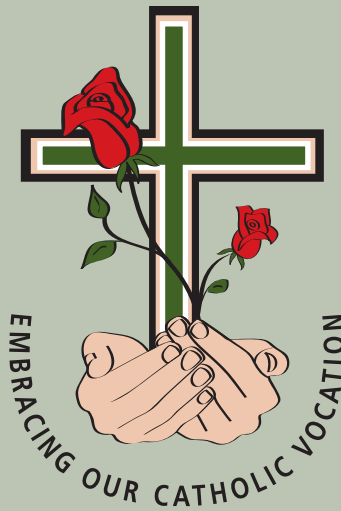


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**April 22 – 23, 2010**  
**Windsor, Ontario**

*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

Have you marked your calendar to be in Windsor on April 22 - 23, 2010? The principals and vice-principals of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board are hoping that you have, as we are very excited about serving as your hosts for CPCO's 12<sup>th</sup> annual conference, *Embracing our Catholic Vocation*.

The conference will begin on Thursday evening with a gathering and sharing in a liturgy that will welcome participants and set the tone for the conference. The liturgy will focus on our faith as the one constant that we may count on to guide us, both in our professional and in our personal lives. The talents of our students will reflect a light on the lamp stand of Ontario schools. The rest of the evening flows from that point with a wonderful dinner followed by a vibrant keynote presentation by Doon Wilkins. He is an international speaker and author whose mission is to uplift the human spirit through speech, music, humour and learning. The evening will culminate with an invitation to join us in a social setting with the band Bigg Wiggle. They will be back by popular demand accompanied by MarzMedia, who will dazzle you with a very innovative lighting, sound and staging display. It will be a perfect opportunity to meet old friends and to make new ones.

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.

Bishop Ronald Fabbro, diocese of London, will celebrate Mass with us at 10:45 a.m. He will be joined at the altar by Auxiliary Bishop Anthony Daniels; Fr. Jim Roche, Episcopal Vicar of Windsor; and Fr. Larry Brunet, Episcopal Vicar of Essex County and board chaplain.

The workshops on Friday afternoon have been designed from the feedback received through the CPCO member survey conducted in June 2009. The sessions will cover a variety of issues that influence Catholic administrators on a daily basis. The topics include: gender and equity; critical learning pathways - effective use of data; legal issues including the teacher performance appraisal; effective team building delivered through an interactive workshop; dealing with challenges in Catholic education - shared leadership/shared responsibility; social networking; strength-based leadership; and managing in a union environment: creating a positive and effective workplace through research-based principles. These workshops will be a forum for stimulating discussion on enhancing our practice so that we may plan for the continued success of our Catholic schools in the province of Ontario. Additional information will be forthcoming in CPCO's weekly electronic magazine, *Catholic Principals' Connection*.

Be sure to join us on April 22, 2010 at Caesars Windsor in the City of Roses as we gather to *Embrace our Catholic Vocation*. Our conference promises to indulge you in two days of non-stop activity, learning experiences and congenial partnerships to enhance your role as a Catholic administrator.