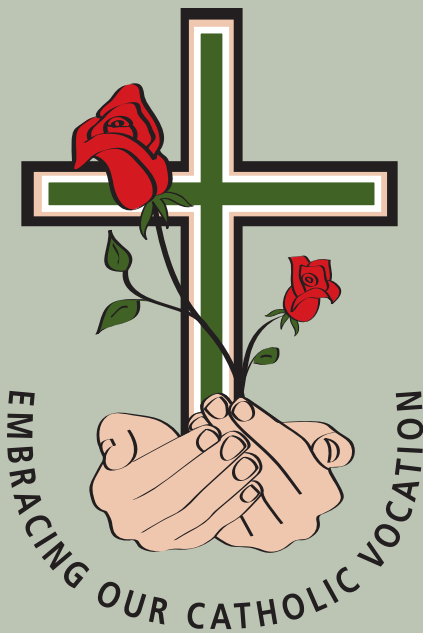


Welcome to the 12th Annual CPCO Conference



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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

April 22 – 23, 2010
Windsor, Ontario

It is 2010 and we are ready! We are energized, enthused and excited to embrace you. The exhilaration will continue to build as your colleagues from the Windsor-Essex Catholic DSB await your arrival at the 12th annual CPCO conference beginning April 22. We are pleased to be able to host you in Windsor, the City of Roses, and proud to lead the way into two days of learning, connecting and *Embracing Our Catholic Vocation*.

Our school choirs will greet you as you register, while we acquaint you with the beautiful surroundings of the Caesars Windsor Hotel. Our warm welcome and Liturgy of the Word will officially begin your journey as we collectively gather to light the lamp of Catholic education, which will continue to shine strongly and brightly during the 2010 CPCO conference. After dinner, keynote speaker, the Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, minister of education will discuss current educational issues and invite all to participate in meaningful dialogue after her address. It will then be time to kick up your heels and boogie down with old and new acquaintances to the tunes of Bigg Wiggle, who will once again rock you into the night!

Friday is the jewel of our conference as we are especially pleased with the agenda we have planned for you. The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with prayer and opening remarks. The keynote speaker, Doon Wilkins, whose personal mission will be to uplift your spirit and strengthen your personal resources, will delight you with his opening address.

Later in the morning, join us in sharing bread as we celebrate the Eucharist together with Most Reverend Ronald Peter Fabbro, CSB, bishop of London, Reverend Lawrence Brunet, episcopal vicar of Essex deanery and Reverend James Roche, episcopal vicar of Windsor deanery. Once again, you will be captivated by

the students of the Windsor-Essex Catholic DSB who will portray their talents in song, music and dance. You will definitely want to take part in this inspirational and lively mass!

Our program committee has worked diligently to prepare an ensemble of breakout sessions designed specifically with you in mind. Each presenter was carefully chosen to ensure the best possible framework to explore together contemporary issues in Catholic education such as: Catholic leadership; managing in a union environment; legal issues impacting the role of the principal; equity and inclusion; social networking; using data; and teacher performance appraisals.

The vendor exhibits will be available throughout the day, Friday. Remember to purchase a passport for ten dollars. Have it signed by each vendor you visit and enter the draws at the end of the day. Your generosity in purchasing the passports will support Autism Ontario and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The missions of both charities reflect our conference focus, bringing light unto others in need.

The gala dinner on Friday night will be an opportunity to assemble again to embrace Catholic education as we reflect on the tenets of our Catholic faith. We will celebrate and honour this year's award winners and conclude the evening with hospitality hosted by the Toronto Catholic principals and vice-principals.

Allow us to indulge you with two days of non-stop activity! The occasion to gather in the City of Roses and *embrace our Catholic vocation* is an opportunity to display proudly our collective light on the lamp stand of Ontario schools. As co-chairs, our goal is to capture how important you are to us as attendees at this conference. We are enthusiastically awaiting your presence.