



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

# *Faith Formation Program*

*2016 - 2017*





## *Faith Formation Program Prayer*

Gracious God,  
we pray that the Niagara Catholic community  
may be inspired  
to draw ever closer to you as we journey together  
as one family in Christ.

May we know you deeply, with our eyes and minds  
open to your presence in our lives.

May we love you passionately, with our hearts turned  
towards you.

May we serve you justly, as your hands and feet here on  
Earth.

Guide us and bless us as we strive to grow as brothers and  
sisters in this one family in Christ.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord and teacher. Amen.



*“The Niagara Catholic District School Board  
through the charisms of faith, social justice,  
support and leadership, nurtures an enriching  
Catholic learning community  
for all to reach their full potential  
and become living witnesses of Christ.”*

The Niagara Catholic Mission Statement not only defines our mission, vision and values, it also includes its own challenge to each of us. We cannot nurture others unless we, ourselves are fed. We cannot help to form community unless we, ourselves, engage communally.

The 2016-2017 school year builds on our three-year theological theme *One Family in Christ: Know Him, Love Him, Serve Him*. In 2016-2017, we focus on Loving Him.

To love God means to love not only Him but that which He created, and that which He loves. Our faith formation sessions will provide various opportunities for all staff to explore the love of God and how we can model His love in our own lives. It is our hope that throughout this upcoming year you will accept the invitation to nurture your own faith by participating in Niagara Catholic’s adult faith formation program.



## *Registration*

To register for all sessions, log in to MyNiagaraCatholic, PD Place using the In-Service ID provided with each session.

Each session has been designated as an in-service under the broad course umbrella of Niagara Catholic Adult Faith Formation 2016-2017.

If you have any problems registering through PD Place, please contact Krista Wood, Board Chaplaincy Leader, at [krista.wood@ncdsb.com](mailto:krista.wood@ncdsb.com)

All staff are encouraged to participate in faith formation sessions as part of your Annual Learning Plan.

All Administrators and participants in the New Teacher Induction Program and the Leadership Internship Program are asked to commit to three sessions.

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# WHEN FAITH MEETS PEDAGOGY 2016

*Mercy: Wellspring of Joy, Serenity and Peace*

**October 27-29, 2016**

International Plaza Hotel, Toronto Airport

## Celebration of the Eucharist

His Eminence,  
Thomas Cardinal Collins,  
Archbishop of Toronto,  
Friday 11:15 am

## Keynote Speakers

Anne Jamieson  
Director of Catechesis,  
Diocese of Hamilton  
Thursday 7:00 pm

David Wells,  
Director of the Vicariate  
for Evangelisation,  
Diocese of Plymouth,  
England  
Friday 8:30 am

## Feature Speakers

Dr. Josephine Lombardi &  
Anne Jamieson, D. Min.

**45  
Workshops  
Vendor Fair  
Friday, October 28**

A Conference for Catholic Educators  
and Catholic Community Partners

For further information contact:  
[www.catholiccurriculumcorp.org](http://www.catholiccurriculumcorp.org)

Conference Registration Fee  
**\$299.00** HST Included

Contact your Board Representative for details:



## The Human Person, Love, and Sexuality

Wednesday, October 26, 2016  
St. Julia Church Hall, St. Catharines  
4:00—6:00 pm  
PD Place: 649

**Presenter: Fr. Con O'Mahony**

This session will break open the Catholic Educators resource, "The Human Person, Love, and Sexuality." This topic is one of great importance and relevance in our schools today, and also a great topic to be exploring for your personal faith development.

## Faith in Film: Mother Teresa

Tuesday, November 1, 2016  
Notre Dame College School (Theatre)  
6:00—8:00 pm  
PD Place 650

**Presenter: Niagara Catholic Chaplaincy Team**

Join us on All Saints Day for an evening of fellowship and dialogue as we delve into the life of the Church's newest saint, Teresa of Calcutta.

## Around the Table: Loving Him through the Communion of Saints

Wednesday, November 9, 2016  
Mick and Angelo's  
(7600 Lundy's Lane, NF)  
4:00—6:00 pm  
PD Place: 651

**Presenter: Fr. Paul McDonald**

Explore the lives of the saints and how they witness to the love of Christ as members of His communion.

## Loving Him through Song

Tuesday, December 13, 2016  
Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary  
School  
4:15—6:00 pm  
PD Place: 653

**Presenter: Jim Yip**

Bring your voice (no matter what key it sings in) and join us in an Advent Power Hour of song as we prepare our hearts and our minds to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## Loving Him Through Scripture

Wednesday, January 18, 2017  
Fr. Burns, C.S.C. Board Room, CEC  
4:00 - 6:00 pm  
PD Place: 654

**Presenter: Fr. Peter Rowe**

Explore Sacred Scripture and its relevance in our lives today. Learn about the history and the context that surround the stories of our faith as we focus on learning to love God through His word.

## Faith in Film: The Gardener of God

Thursday, February 16, 2017  
Saint Michael Catholic High School  
(Theatre)  
6:00 – 8:00 pm  
PD Place: 655

**Presenter: Niagara Catholic Chaplaincy Team**

An evening of fellowship and dialogue as we hear the story of Fr. Greger Mendel, the father of modern genetics, and his struggles between faith and science.

## Sing Praises: Taize

Monday, March 6, 2017  
Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre  
4:30 – 6:30 pm  
PD Place: 656

**Presenter: Janet Loo**

Experience Taize Prayer in the beautiful Mount Carmel Chapel followed by a delicious dinner. A great way to spend time with Christ during the season of Lent!

*RSVP by February 23, 2017 - cost is \$25 per person*

## Finding Our Way: Refugee Ministry

Tuesday, March 21, 2017  
Fr. Burns, C.S.C., Board Room, CEC  
4:00—6:00 pm  
PD Place: 657

**Presenters: Margaret Jong & Marilyn Nabisi**

Learn about the struggles many refugees face finding a new place to call home and what the Diocese of St. Catharines is doing to help.

## One Family at the Feast: A Seder Meal

Wednesday, April 12, 2017  
Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre  
5:30—9:00 pm

**Presenter: Fr. Craig Morrison**

Through prayers, readings and song, the Seder commemorates the Exodus story, the central event in Jewish history. It is a time to retell the story that it might never be forgotten. Our Christian observance of this ritual meal also ties us to our Jewish heritage as we recognize the context in which Jesus instituted the Eucharist.

*RSVP by April 4, 2017 - cost is \$45 per person  
RSVP directly to [krista.wood@ncdsb.com](mailto:krista.wood@ncdsb.com)*

## Around the Table: Laudato Si

Thursday, April 27, 2017  
Jordan House Tavern  
3845 Main St. , Jordan Station  
4:00—6:00 pm  
PD Place: 660

**Presenter: Frank Fohr**

A deeper look into Pope Francis' 2015 Encyclical, "Laudato Si" and God's call to care for all of creation.

## *Professional Development*

### Teaching Language with the Saints

Wednesday, January 25, 2017  
Monsignor Clancy Catholic  
Elementary School  
4:00 – 6:00 pm  
32 participants max.  
PD Place 662

**Presenter: Terri Pauco**

Explore the "Teaching Language with the Saints" resource and learn new and exciting ways to develop language skills with your students, while deepening their faith.



# *Administrators, Managers and Senior Staff*

## **The Human Person, Love, and Sexuality**

Wednesday, October 26, 2016  
St. Julia Church Hall, St. Catharines  
8:45 – 11:15 am  
PD Place 648

***Presenter: Fr. Con O'Mahony***

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## **The Art of Waiting: Advent Retreat**

Wednesday, December 7, 2016  
Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre  
8:45– 11:15 am  
PD Place 652

***Presenter: Niagara Catholic Chaplaincy Team***

A morning of prayer and reflection as we explore the art of waiting in the beautiful season of Advent.

## **Day in the Desert: Lenten Retreat**

Thursday, March 30, 2017  
Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre  
8:45– 11:15 am  
PD Place 658

***Presenter: Niagara Catholic Chaplaincy Team***

Take a step back and spend some time with Christ in the Desert this Lent. A great way to refocus on the importance of this liturgical season.

# *Our Speakers*

## **Frank Fohr**

Retired Niagara Catholic teacher and chair of the St. Catharines Diocesan Council for Development & Peace.

## **Margaret Jong**

Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese of St. Catharines and Chair of the Diocesan Refugee Committee.

## **Janet Loo**

Director of Music Ministry at King's University College, University of Western Ontario.

## **Fr. Paul McDonald**

Pastor of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Chippewa.

## **Fr. Craig Morrison, O.Carm.**

Carmelite priest, biblical scholar, writer, and lecturer working at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome.

## **Marilyn Nabils**

Coordinator for Refugee Integration for the Diocese of St. Catharines.

## **Fr. Cornelius (Con) O'Mahony**

Vicar for Education for the Diocese of Hamilton and current pastor of St. Andrew Roman Catholic Church, Oakville.

## **Terri Pauco**

Religion and Family Life Consultant for Niagara Catholic.

## **Fr. Peter Rowe**

Pastor of St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church, Niagara Falls.

## **Jim Yip**

A computer technology teacher for Niagara Catholic and an avid musician.





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