



Know, Love, Serve

HIM

ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST

**Niagara Catholic's new three year
theological theme:**

“One Family in Christ”

2015-2016: Know Him

2016-2017: Love Him

2017-2018: Serve Him

One Family in Christ – embraces the diversity in our schools

Know Him – as in our earthly relationships, we cannot love someone until we know them...

Love Him – it is only as our love deepens that we are willing to serve/sacrifice for them

Serve Him – the ultimate goal of our relationship with the Divine is service

Where will your thoughts take you as you envision this theme in your school? In your classroom?

Some scripture to guide our thoughts:



One Family in Christ

And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

1 Corinthians 12:26

Know Him



***That I may know Him and
the power of his
resurrection...***

Philippians 3:10

How can we know Him?

We strive to know Him through our roots, our story, God's word; His life as our model, Catechism of the Catholic Church, family as first teachers of Catholic values and traditions, the liturgical year, authentic teaching of church doctrine, we belong to and are embraced as members of His Family.

(This connects to "Believing" and "Celebrating" strands in the Elementary Religious Curriculum Policy Document)

Love Him



***Though you have not seen him, you love Him.
Though you do not now see Him, you believe in
Him and rejoice with joy
that is inexpressible and filled with glory.***

1 Peter 1:8

How can we love Him?

We proclaim Him in our words and by our actions, Eucharist, Reconciliation, our school is sacred ground because all we do is for love of Him, He is our Centre, prayer life, faith formation, Confirmation, Catholic graduate expectations, God's grace endowed upon us, the Spirit at work.

(This connects to "Praying" and "Living in Communion" strands of the Elementary Religious Curriculum Policy Document)

Serve Him



Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4: 10

How do we serve Him?

We serve Him through sacrifice, social justice, belonging to church community, caring for one another, nurturing our relationships, renewal of our faith and renewing our earth.

(connects to "Living a Moral Life" and "Living in Solidarity" strands of the Elementary Religious Curriculum Policy Document)

Consider these questions—responses may be regarding the umbrella theme *One Family in Christ*, or an individual year focus.

♥ Words associated with Jesus

♥ What events or initiatives already in your calendar can take on this theme? How?

♥ How might you engage student voice for theme-based initiative ideas?

♥ How might this theme be visually apparent?

♥ When you see this theme, what thoughts come to mind?

♥ What events or initiatives already in your calendar can take on this theme? How?