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MEMO: Program Memorandum- PM 479 (2015-2016)

MEMO TO: Elementary Principals and Vice-Principals

FROM: Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education

DATE: Thursday, August 27, 2015

SUBJECT: ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST: KNOW, LOVE, SERVE HIM

2015-16 RESOURCE PACKAGE

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Elementary Chaplaincy Leaders

To support administrators with Year 1 of the implementation of the Niagara Catholic's next three year theological theme – "One Family in Christ: Know, Love, Serve Him", the embedded resource package explores **ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST: KNOW HIM** for the entire 2015-16 academic year.

The sub-themes at a glance are:

Month	
September	One Family in Christ
October	Knowing Him in Charity
November	Knowing Him through the Saints
December	Knowing Him in Advent
January	Knowing Him through the Word
February	Knowing Him in Love and Service
March	Knowing Him through Lent
April	Knowing Him in Creation
May	Knowing Him in Prayer
June	Knowing Him in Gratitude

Within the resource package, administrators will find explanations of the monthly subthemes which can be adapted for school newsletters and *suggested* daily Morning Prayers. Principals are encouraged to use and adapt the materials within the resource and to share it with their staff members. The **ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST: KNOW HIM** Resource 2015-16 will also be accessible through Docushare, via the Faith Formation toggle.



These monthly sub-themes are highlighted in the Niagara Catholic Student Agenda which is rich in activities designed to invite students and their families to know Christ more intimately.

To further support **ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST: KNOW HIM** theme and the instruction and evaluation of the Religion and Family Life curriculum, the <u>Religion Teacher Helper</u> will be sent out periodically to every staff Religion and Family Life Rep for distribution. Elementary Chaplaincy Leaders and the Religion and Family Life Consultant can work with classroom teachers to develop and model engaging, interactive religion lessons upon request.

Questions about this new resource should be directed to Terri Pauco, Religion and Family Life Consultant, terri.pauco@ncdsb.com

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