



Catholic Curriculum Corporation Opening Message

Our Purpose

The Catholic Curriculum Corporation is a consortium of seventeen Catholic school boards across central and western Ontario. As an important partner in Catholic education, we recognize that Catholic education exists to provide a holistic formation of people as living witnesses of faith. We demonstrate our mission when we engage with, and support, our member boards in sustained, substantive school improvement and student growth that is reflective of a Catholic professional learning community.

Our Mission

Our mission is to build and sustain the Catholic capacity of educators through the development and provision of high quality Catholic curriculum, resources, support and professional development.

Our Vision

Faith Through Learning – A Distinctive Catholic Curriculum

Message from the Executive Director

On behalf of the Catholic Curriculum Corporation, I would like to thank Robert Gallo, project lead, and the team of contributors from Toronto, Windsor-Essex, and York District School Boards for their expertise and dedicated efforts in producing this resource. Thanks are also extended to Grant McMurray for his guidance as Curriculum Manager.

Confirmation Through Conversation is an online platform where teachers and students can engage virtually with other groups province-wide to participate in five distinct Catholic modules focused around the sacrament of Confirmation. The online sessions where students meet their virtual friends is designed to help guide the teacher regarding the themes/topics surrounding the sacrament of Confirmation. Together the partnered classes explore this online journey toward full initiation in the Church.

Once again, I offer sincere thanks to those who have supported our teachers with this resource. I wish continued success to all who use this resource while sharing and celebrating our Catholic mission in education.

Michael Bator,
Executive Director



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Overview

Confirmation through Conversation is an innovative online platform where intermediate students receiving the sacrament of Confirmation can engage virtually with other groups province wide. Together they will participate in five distinct Catholic modules focused around the sacrament of Confirmation.

Teachers and students will be able to explore the five modules that their class will be using to network with other students in their sacramental year. Through technology, schools will be paired with one another automatically. Teachers registering their class will be provided with the contact info of another teacher in a different Catholic school board.

This province-wide initiative allows for students to complete activities in each of the modules and then share their findings online in group discussions as they prepare for their sacramental journey of Confirmation. By partnering with a school within the province, students will demonstrate the unity and fabric of publicly funded education in Ontario, inspired by Gospel values and serving with faith, commitment, and compassion. We look forward to providing this rich experience during a formative time for these young Catholics.

Each Module contains the following:



"Pope Francis Says" provides the perspective of the Pope as his words reflect on the information provided in the respective module. This component allows for both teachers and students to reflect on the information within the module and use it during both the activities and online dialogue with the partnering school.



"From The Pulpit" takes a deeper look at scripture and how it relates to the respective module. These passages act as a way to allow participants those involved in the program to reflect on the words spoken, and how they are to demonstrate such words into action in today's society.



"Watch This" is an engaging section of the program which allows students to view a video or videos that pertain to the module. Discussion Questions often refer to this section to assist in the dialogue between partnering schools. The expectation is that the video is 'watched' prior to the virtual dialogue to create an enriched experience for all.



"Appy to Hear It" introduces FREE applications that both teachers and students can download to enhance the experience of the program. It is encouraged to share these apps with colleagues and peers in the school setting. Each module provides 1-2 apps which are described and available for free download.



"That's A Fact" provides the students with a fun fact regarding the sacrament of Confirmation that connects to the module and allows for more discussion as the modules progress.



"Discussion Questions" are provided for each module to assist in the facilitation of conversation discussion with your partner school, as well as to increase the dialogue moving forward! These numerical questions are to act as a guide, however, should other ideas present themselves, it's encouraged to continue the dialogue as it pertains to the respective schools involved!



"Think Outside the Box" is an engaging activity that furthers the learning provided in each module which can be shared with your partner school at the next online dialogue!