Catholic Education Week 2022 begins on Sunday, May 1.

The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Contact

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, ***"Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together."***

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2022 was inspired by the following considerations:

⇒ In the face of the continuing reality of the COVID-19 pandemic, a strong desire by the planning committee, and supported by feedback from the survey, the themes for Catholic Education Weeks 2020 and 2021, were *Igniting Hope* and *Nurturing Hope*, and all we know for certain is that there will be much to *Rebuild, Restore and Renew* together in 2022.

⇒ The challenges to personal and spiritual well-being posed by the uncertainty and physical isolation of the current global crisis makes the timing and the concerns of Mental Health Week, which takes place during the same week as Catholic Education Week, all the more relevant.

⇒ Ongoing recognition of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission and the relevance of Indigenous culture and spirituality will continue to move us forward.

⇒ The Ministry of Education's focus on Inclusion and Equity resonates with all educators and administrators as we desire to serve all of God's children and Pope Francis' encyclical entitled, *Fratelli Tutti*, will guide us in this good work.

Rediscover

Rebuild

Restore

Renew

Rejoice

The Catholic Education Week biblical quote is, ***"Behold, I make all things new."*** (Revelation 21:5)

Catholic Education Week Prayer

God of Grace,
Help us to rediscover how to be side by side
in rebuilding our communities of faith and learning.
Help us restore harmony and balance in our relationships,
and renew our desire to approach challenges confidently and with peaceful hearts.
May we always rejoice in recognizing the blessings our lives hold.
Amen. +

The Funeral Luncheon Ministry provides care and support during a difficult time for members of our parish following the funeral of a loved one. We are looking for MEN and WOMEN to join this group of volunteers. This group of people is made up of anyone in the parish who would like to be involved. Join our team and see how your gift of service can mean so much to our family and friends!

Dear Sisters in the League,

An amazing opportunity has presented itself to our members, however, **WE NEED TO ACT FAST!**

The League is officially recognized by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) as a lay association of women. It is also affiliated with the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO), a worldwide federation holding membership in the conference of International Catholic Organizations and having consultative status with agencies of the United Nations.

On June 11, WUCWO's executive committee will have the honour of a private audience with Pope Francis. ***The Catholic Women's League has been invited to take part in a gift of a spiritual bouquet which will be presented to Pope Francis on that occasion.*** This is obviously a big honour to be asked to take part in this way and we want to make sure our CWL members have the opportunity to participate.

A spiritual bouquet is composed of personal acts of devotions or prayers said on behalf of Pope Francis and his intentions. Some devotional acts include a celebration of the Eucharist or time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, making First Fridays or First Saturdays, acts of charity or self-denial. Prayers of offering could be litanies, chaplets, novenas, rosaries, specific individual prayers and offering up a mass or masses for the pope's intentions. ***Note that these are not paid offerings and you do not have to fulfill your devotional by May 4. It is a pledge to offer your special intention.***

We need to collect information on how many special intentions will be offered for His Holiness by May 4—this week!

We need to hear from you by THIS SUNDAY, MAY 1.

Call Annette Dutrisac at 495-3584 to let her know how many of the following you can offer for the Intention of Pope Francis. Please do not feel that you have to do all of these – whatever intentions you wish to offer is great!

We realize that this is very short notice but please do your best keeping in mind that this is for Pope Francis.

Can you offer any of the following?

Masses	Communions	Rosaries	Eucharistic Adorations	Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	Sacrifice	Prayers	Chaplets or Novenas	Other