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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairpersons and Directors of Education
- All Catholic District School Boards

FROM:

SUBJECT: Catholic Education Week Kit for the First Week of School

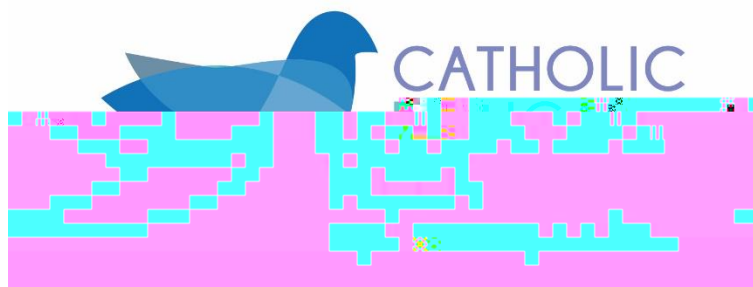
The 2023 Catholic Education Week Committee is pleased to make available to our Catholic schools, a **First Week of School Kit** which contains prayers for each day of the opening week of school and possible readings and songs for the celebration of the Eucharist.

Our theme for Catholic Education Week 2023 is:

Catholic Education: *We are Many, We are One*
À plusieurs, nous sommes un

May I request your assistance in making a copy of the **First Week of School Kit** available to all schools in your board.

Thank you for your ongoing, generous cooperation and support for publicly-funded Catholic education.



FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL RESOURCE PACKAGE



SEPTEMBER 2022

INTRODUCTION
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Overall Theme Prayer for Catholic Education Week 2023

Catholic Education Week Prayer

We are many, we are one; we all form one body in Christ.
Lord,
when we see the one before us, let us reverence your presence within;
when we listen to one another, let us hear with our hearts;
when we reflect on each encounter, may we discern to understand;
when we learn from those around us, let us respect our differences with joy;
and when we act, may we be kind and generous to all,
for each person is a member of your body, with all that they are.
We are many, we are one.
Amen.

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PRAYERS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL , SECONDARY ±SEPTEMBER 2022

When we see ±En voyant

We are many, we are one.

Our world tends to have a vision that judges and critiques, usually in negative ways.

Jesus, help us to see with eyes that are kind, compassionate, accepting and inclusive.

Broaden our perspective to allow differences and to learn creativity and diversity in expression.

Our spirits want to foster what is positive and celebrative.

We are many, we are one in the family of God.

Amen

When we listen ±En écoutant

God of all people,

You are our source of goodness and love.

Open our hearts to be present to each other and help us to understand the importance of listening.

Give us wisdom to see that we can grow through listening to others.

Strengthen our spirit so that we may overcome conflict and embrace differences when we listen.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus who listens to our every need.

Amen.

When we reflect ±En réfléchissant

Loving God of goodness and grace,

We are many; we are one in the community of our school.

Our uniforms identify us as members of this body of (name of school).

This year we will reflect on the meaning of being many and yet one.

Through the body of Christ we share a humanity that is more than any one individual.

May we celebrate our unity and diversity every day this year.

Amen

When we learn ±En apprenant

God of love and infinite wisdom,

Instill in us the courage it takes to learn, unlearn, and relearn, to seek the truth and guide into action.

Give us the ability to listen deeply to every voice not just the loudest, but those voices that are not always heard.

Please provide us with empathy and foresight as servant leaders, to affirm, support, and empower one another.

As we embrace your wisdom to strive towards reconciliation, let us unite as one body in Christ.

We ask this through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, one body forever and ever.

Amen.

When we act ±En agissant

Liberating God,

Again and again in our history, we have seen your loving power at work, always close to our people in their needs.

We ask you to inspire us with words and actions that unite and heal that renew and give hope.

Help us daily to put into practice the faith we proclaim, and to live it authentically in a way that speaks to our world of your love and compassion.

May your teachings guide our speaking and our acting, and may our values take shape in the choices we make.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PLANNING SHEET FOR EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Date: _____ Occasion/Feast: _____ Time: _____

Location: _____ Presider: _____

Altar Server(s): _____, _____, _____

Minister(s) of Hospitality: _____, _____, _____