

# IGNITING HOPE

## A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE



In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Dear God, I acknowledge the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation for being the ongoing stewards of this traditional territory.

A reading from the Book Proverbs

*The plans of the mind belong to mortals, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. The Lord has made everything for its purpose...*

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



## MUSIC FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

### Catholic Education Week Theme Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwE9suX8d2E>

### Because He Lives-Matt Maher

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBvU7arNhQs>

### Christ be Our Light-Bernadette Farrell

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hf69Zhgc\\_lk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hf69Zhgc_lk)

### Amazing Grace-John Newton

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpXwOSHTwsY>

### Alleluia Love is Alive-Steve Angrisano

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VX6LsNoyczQ>

## REFLECTION

In Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation to the Young he said, "The very first dream of all, is the creative dream of God our Father, which precedes and accompanies the lives of all his children. The memory of this blessing, that extends from generation to generation, is a precious legacy, that we should keep alive, so we too, can pass it on." He reminds us we have a duty to the future. God calls us to build a world full of God's hope love, and peace. Everything we find in the way Jesus lived his life and taught us how to do the same. We should never forget that we are part of God's creative dream for his world, and we have a role to play in shaping that future in keeping with Gospel values. Our actions today, taken in faith, will help to ensure a hope-filled future for the next generations. Today, consider your role in Catholic Education and in physical isolation, how are your actions and talents contributing to the future? What you will find is that God is always calling you to participate in His work to provide hope for the future. You cannot sit on the sidelines of life, but build communities where everyone is safe, healthy, and loved.

## PRAYER

God, source of all that is, the past, the present, and the future are all held in your loving hands. Help us be people of Christian hope as we move forward, builders of a world of justice, peace and compassion, according to Jesus' teachings. In moments of fear, give us courage and confidence. In times of worry and uncertainty, remind us of your constant, unshakeable presence. Bless our future, Lord, and bless us who are the citizens of that future, for we pray in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us never forget the words of Jesus at the Ascension, "Remember I am with you always till the end of days." Amen. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.