

# IGNITING HOPE

## OUR HOPE IN CHRIST



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 First Letter of St. Peter

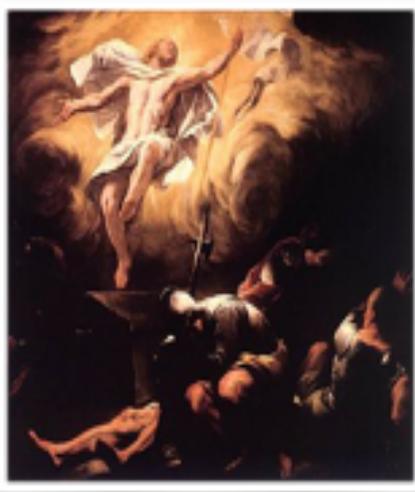
*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy, he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in Heaven for you... Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls... Through him, you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.*



The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### REFLECTION

During this time, we hope for a vaccine to COVID 19. We hope to see our family and friends again. We hope that God will answer our prayers and end this isolation. As an Easter people, we know that Jesus and his victory over the powers of death and sin fuel our hope that God will answer our prayers. Jesus' love and power make possible what might otherwise seem impossible, by merely human standards. This truth gives





## 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

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### Amazing Grace-John Newton

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

### Alleluia Love is Alive-Steve Angrisano

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

us the courage and strength to endure our isolation and believe that our present situation is temporary and not permanent. For the fire of Christ is in our hearts to draw us to trust in God in prayer and do his will for our neighbour. Hope is like a fire that we are trying to enkindle in our world. A fire that provides light and warmth, but needs our effort to reach people. Consider your Catholic Teacher, who teaches with the fire of faith in their heart. In faith, Catholic Teachers teach subjects like Art, English, Math, Science, and Trades through the lens of the Catholic faith. A lens which shows how we use our skills to bring hope to others. For example, they show how one's future endeavours must inspire or remind others that God loves them. The purpose of your education is to give hope to the world.

### PRAYER

Today, let us pray for our Catholic Educators who in their vocation spark hope in their students and are witnesses of the faith in our schools. May they see how their work inspires others to make a difference in this world. Let us also pray for those who are suffering physically, mentally, or spiritually to find hope and help in God and neighbour. May they see in their teacher a vessel of hope to understand how God knows the struggles and challenges we face. When we experience or witness hopelessness, may Jesus open our eyes to a future full of goodness and wonder, full of blessings and hope. May we always remember 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.

