

IGNITING HOPE

THE HOPE AMONG US



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 Gospel of Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one, after lighting a lamp, puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

Hope is like a light that guides us, together, on what we call, "the path of righteousness," or "the way of truth." We know that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Jesus told us we are also the light of the world, and that whoever follows you, will not be walking in the dark, but will have the light of life. For some of us, we see the light of Christ in our parents and guardians.

During Catholic Education week, we celebrate the role of parents and guardians in Catholic Education. They see how difficult it is for young people to remain faithful to God. In faith, they watch over their families with the care





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

Amazing Grace-John Newton

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

Alleluia Love is Alive-Steve Angrisano

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

of God so its members know that they don't have to walk alone. Guiding young people to resist the temptation to think they are alone on the journey.

As students adjust to online learning, we realize how important a young person needs an advocate in their home. During this time, a parent or guardian who ensure students feel motivated and engaged in their online lessons. As they have always been, they are partners in Catholic education. Partners who give their support and provide shelter. They represent the hope among us because without them the students within our walls will lose their way. They are the light which helps them accept God's grace and listen to those in Catholic Education with an open heart and mind.

PRAYER

God, creator of light, we thank you for showing us the way to you, through all the wonderful things you have made, through your Holy Word in the scriptures, and most clearly, the loving witness of your son. May God bless our parents, guardians, and adult figures who continue to lead us through their own commitment to your community. May they know that we are grateful for their support, especially when we neglect or forget how important they are in our lives. In my life, may I be an authentic witness to your life within our community and to others so I reflect the love and support I have received from others. 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.

