

# CARFLEO Newsletter

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**Opening our Hearts to the Transforming Power of God's Mercy:** Over this past year, we have had the opportunity to open ourselves up to the generous gift of God's mercy, and, having received much, to open ourselves up to being "missionaries" and "ministers" of this wonderful gift to others. Pope Francis, in his Bull of Indiction for the Year of Mercy, wrote: "*We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it*" (#2).

November 20 marked the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of the Year of Mercy. While the year of mercy may be closing, the transforming nature of God's mercy invites us to consider how we might continue to open our hearts and to merciful love of our heavenly Father and to be merciful to others.

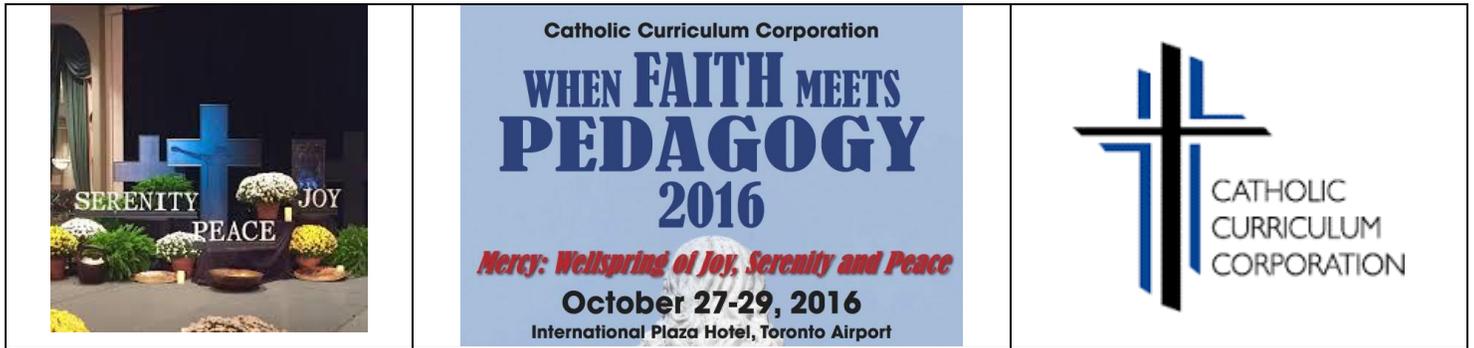
**Adult Faith Formators' Conference: "That they may have life abundantly"** The annual adult faith formators' conference was hosted by the Toronto Catholic District School Board and took place on September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at St. Bonaventure Parish in Toronto. The keynote speaker was Father Vito Marziliano of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Fr. Vito, was a vibrant and energetic presenter who inspired us to "live life to the full".



**2016/2017 CARFLEO Executive Committee:**

Paul Beaudette, MaryAnn Takacs, Les Miller, Terri Durham, Peter Crane, Ann Boniferro, John Podgorski, Joanna Newton, Mark Siolek, Nancy Davie, Derek McEachen, Gregory Healey, Geoffrey Grant, Paul Mantha, and Bishop Daniel Miehm (ACBO Liaison)

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### ***CARFLEO Workshops at When Faith Meets Pedagogy:***

As a partner with the Catholic Curriculum Corporation, CARFLEO is invited to present a workshop at WFMP each year. This year's theme was "Mercy: Wellspring of Joy, Serenity and Peace." A few workshops were presented by members of the CARFLEO executive.

- "Catholic Social Teaching, the Arts and Global Citizenship" Jan Bentham (Ottawa Catholic D.S.B.) presented the CARFLEO workshop. In her workshop, Jan reminded us of our student's passion for justice and how we the teachers can help the students deepen the learning experience by exploring community connections, Catholic Social Teachings, the Arts and technology. Thanks, Jan for reminding us that our students' life questions are often faith and justice questions, and for assisting us in knowing how to move from student inquiry to working for justice.
- Terri Durham (Halton Catholic D.S.B) and her team explored the newly created document "Growing Successfully in Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Religion and Family Life". This resource, written by teachers and for teachers, will provide teachers with practical implementation strategies to connect the assessment principles of Growing Success with the Religion and Family Life Curriculum. The resource guides teachers in the process of gathering information from a variety of sources that accurately reflects how well a student is achieving the Religious Education and Family Life Curriculum expectations in order to improve student learning, and according to the curriculum standards outlined in the Achievement chart (assessment 'for', 'as,' and of learning). It will support teachers in using learning goals and success criteria to provide students with descriptive feedback in order to help all students develop their capacity to be independent, autonomous learners who are able to

set individual goals, monitor their own progress, determine next steps, and reflect on their thinking and learning in Religious Education and Family Life. It will aid teachers in evaluating students' achievement for reporting purposes. "Growing Successfully in Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Religion and Family Life" is available through the Catholic Curriculum Corporation.

- "A Future Filled with Hopeful Opportunity: Home-School-Parish" was presented by Dan Moynihan (Director of Pastoral Services, Diocese of London) and Joe Bezzina (LDCSB). The workshop invited participants to examine the current realities in our faith communities (homes, schools and parishes), to appreciate the dynamic of home-school-parish relationships, to recognize the gifts that our partners bring to the table and to explore best practices. The interactive workshop proposed next steps, invited participants to add their voice and together the Saturday morning group shared reason for our hope!
- Several past and present CARFLEO executive members worked with Michael Paulter (Institute for Catholic Education) and the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario in the writing of the Secondary Religious Education Policy Document. The writers presented the final approved draft of the document.

***Eastern Ontario Catholic Curriculum Cooperative Conference 2016:*** The 22<sup>nd</sup> K-12 Annual EOCCC Conference "*CATHOLIC EDUCATION: WALKING FORWARD TOGETHER/L'EDUCATION CATHOLIQUE : ALLER DE L'AVANT ENSEMBLE*" takes place on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at the Four Points Sheraton, Kingston, ON. For more information [www.eoccc.org](http://www.eoccc.org).

***Awards of Excellence in Family Life and Religious Education:*** the Fr. Angus MacDougall Award for Excellence in Family Life Education, and the Archbishop Pocock Award for Excellence in Religious Education are presented annually at the CARFLEO Conference. This is a good time of year to begin thinking about colleagues whom you think might be worthy of recognition for their work in these important fields. [Nomination forms](#), along with the list of previous recipients, are available at [www.carfloeo.com](http://www.carfloeo.com). The deadline for nominations is February 14<sup>th</sup> 2017.

## **CARFLEO Directory of Religious Education Coordinators and Consultants:**

CARFLEO is adopting a service that was once undertaken by its predecessor organization, CRECO (Catholic Religious Education Consultants of Ontario), in publishing a Directory of Directors of Education, and Religious Education Coordinators and Consultants, for CARFLEO member boards throughout the province. Copies of the Directory will be sent to member boards upon its completion.



Last year at the **CARFLEO Conference 2016**, Mary Jo Leddy, founder of Romero House for Refugees, explored the topic “Mercy that Transforms: Creating Spaces of Hope” was the theme for the CARFLEO Conference, in 2016. Mary Jo invited us to open our hearts to those who are vulnerable, those who are broken-hearted, and who are marginalized. Being people of mercy is not easy, but we must act, we must cross the street and act (like the Good Samaritan). She called us to be merciful!

### **Catholic Education Week: “Walking Forward Together,” April 30 – May 6, 2017**

“Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8

#### **Subthemes:**

Monday: Walking Forward Together with God

Tuesday: Walking Forward Together with Our Families

Wednesday: Walking Forward Together with Others

Thursday: Walking Forward Together with Creation

Friday: Walking Forward Together in Hope.

Cf. <http://www.ocsta.on.ca/resources/catholic-education-week-resources/>

**The Canadian Forum on Theology and Education** will be featuring Sr. Teresa Forcades OSB, who will present on “Faith and Freedom” on March 31st and April 1st 2017 at St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Conference Centre, 300 River Oaks Blvd. East, Oakville, Ontario. For more: <http://www.cfotae.ca/>

# **“Creating a Culture of Hope: Journeying towards Truth and Reconciliation”**

***Mark your calendar and join us in Mississauga***

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
CARFLEO CONFERENCE  
Queen of the Apostles  
Retreat Centre**

*With the release of the Truth and Reconciliation summary report (June 2015), we are reminded of our responsibility as Catholic Educators to respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action. At the same time, Pope Francis reminds us of the importance of listening and caring for one another: “Mostly, people are looking for someone to listen to them. Someone willing to grant them time, to listen to their dramas and their difficulties. This is what I call the ‘apostolate of the ear,’ it is important.” This listening is the first step towards creating a culture of trust and hope. How can we create a culture, in our hearts, communities and classrooms, where we recognize: the dignity of every person; the values that are deeply rooted in our First Nations peoples, and, show special care for peoples of Indigenous communities? Be a part of the dialogue!*

***Registration starting in January, 2017***

**Check out [WWW.CARFLEO.COM](http://WWW.CARFLEO.COM) for conference information and an array of Family Life and Religious Education Resources.**

## CARLEO on the Internet

	<p>carfleo.com website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Religious Education and Family Life resources</li> <li>● Curriculum documents and supports</li> <li>● Key Catholic documents</li> <li>● Information about CARFLEO and our conference</li> <li>● Sr. Pat's weekly Catholic Culture Update</li> <li>● Catholic education news</li> <li>● Prayer and liturgical resources</li> <li>● New resources daily can be emailed to you</li> <li>● Mobile and tablet friendly</li> </ul>
	<p>CARFLEO on Facebook</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="http://www.facebook.com/carfleo">www.facebook.com/carfleo</a></li> <li>● Posts new resources from carfleo.com</li> <li>● Reposts other Facebook posts of interest</li> </ul>
	<p>Twitter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● tweetCARFLEO</li> <li>● All new blog posts &amp; Facebook page posts are tweeted.</li> <li>● We also retweet items of interest.</li> </ul>
	<p>Tumblr</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● carfleo.tumblr.com</li> <li>● carfleo.com posts are reposted on Tumblr</li> <li>● The archive feature shows posts at a glance.</li> </ul>
	<p>Pinterest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="https://www.pinterest.com/carfleo/">https://www.pinterest.com/carfleo/</a></li> <li>● Visual images to support your Religious Education and Family Life classes, check out our Pinterest site.</li> </ul>
	<p>YouTube</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/VIDEOCARFLEO">www.youtube.com/user/VIDEOCARFLEO</a></li> <li>● videos produced by CARFLEO</li> <li>● playlist of videos for Religious Education and Family Life classes.</li> </ul>



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