

Elementary Sample Units for Catholic Elementary Schools

Presentation Slides for Administrators in Catholic Schools

Journey Activities Support Document

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During the 2000-2001 academic year, over three hundred teachers from Catholic school boards across Ontario began the process of writing sample elementary units using the curriculum unit planner. The Ontario Curriculum expectations and the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations were used as foundation documents throughout the writing process. Other documents such as *Educating the Soul*, *Curriculum Matters* and *Writing Curriculum for Catholic Schools* (ICE) were recommended to the writing teams.

These units provide educators with sample units that reflect discipline integrity from a Catholic perspective. The units also provide an integrated approach to program delivery where all students have the opportunity to demonstrate, reflect and evolve on their own faith journey.

The Catholic Curriculum Cooperatives (CCC, EOCCC, NOCCC) have played a significant role in team building while the lead boards have provided the infrastructure necessary for the writing process. All of us appreciate the Waterloo Catholic District School Board who served as the banker board for all aspects of the elementary unit project.

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***The Journey Activities* support document provide samples of how teachers may connect the ‘what’ (Ontario Curriculum Expectations) with the ‘why’ (Catholic Graduate Expectations) for planned teaching/learning activities. These journey activities may be used in divisional planning and/or long range planning. Teachers may use the subject specific division sheets directly with the Learning Continuum sheets contained within the Implementation Support Document to make meaningful connections to the enduring understandings. The suggestions are a starting point to extend and expand the list for local school needs.**

It is highly advisable to print the Journey Activities and place it directly into the Implementation Support Document.

***The presentation slides* for administrators in Catholic schools may be used to support their work with staff, parents and students. They provide information on the development, purpose and application of the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations at the elementary level and for the elementary student. We encourage educators to use these slides as a starting point and adapt them for local needs. Please feel free to modify them for your own purpose.**

We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to respond through your representative who attends the ICE Curriculum Committee. All partners in the Catholic community have an important role to play. Many boards have or are in the process of creating exciting tools that reflect creative and meaningful ways the Catholic Graduate Expectations may focus and affirm the work we do in our Catholic schools. The Institute for Catholic Education continues to share these samples at every opportunity. Please inform us of any new projects or initiatives through email: iceont@istar.ca