






## *Focus on Faith Highlights – September 13, 2021*

-  The board has implemented the *Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ* religious education program from Grade 1 to Grade 8.
-  The board's three-year plan related to Dignity of Human Life is including a variety of approaches. At the Principals' Summer Institute, two Indigenous speakers relayed their experiences related to the residential school system. Two staff members will be attending a workshop about human trafficking. The board will work on policy and protocol related to anti-human trafficking.
-  Staff faith formation for remains a priority. Three Religious Education in Catholic Schools Additional Qualifications courses were updated and are awaiting approval by the Ontario College of Teachers. Faith development sessions at principals' meetings continue to be offered to assist the principals in being spiritual leaders for their school communities.
-  Faith Day will see school and board staff participate at their workplaces. A liturgy will open the day. A session focusing on anti-racism and anti-discrimination strategies that may improve academic outcomes and well-being of our students and families will follow. The afternoon will see three videotaped sessions from Dr. David Wells focusing on the theme of our school year, Rebuild, Restore and Renew.
-  Catholic Education Week will take place from May 1 to 6, 2022. The five school days during the week will have different sub-themes on which schools can focus.

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