

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY MAY 2021 UPDATE

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Hello!

This first week of May brings the celebration of Catholic Education! Both the ALCDSB & CDSBEO have board wide events planned virtually. See below for more on this! Let us pray for all students and staff.

During the second week of May, we celebrate nationally, the Week for Life & Family. There are prayers, resources and more below.

On May 22nd, Michel Quenneville will be ordained to the priesthood at St. Mary's Cathedral by Archbishop Mulhall. You are invited to tune in virtually to the livestream. Details and links shared below.

Blessings and prayers,
Nadia

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www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/youth

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Important Dates

May 2-7

CATHOLIC EDUCATION
WEEK

Monday, May 3

CEW MASS - ALCDSB

Tuesday, May 4

HOPE COMES HOME
VIRTUAL EVENING WITH
JOSH BLAKESLEY

May 9-16

WEEK OF LIFE & FAMILY

May 22

MICHEL QUENNEVILLE'S
ORDINATION TO THE
PRIESTHOOD

May 23

PENTECOST SUNDAY



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK (MAY 2-7)

This week we celebrate Catholic Education Week! The theme this year is "Nurturing Hope!" Both the ALCDSB & CDSBEO are sharing virtual events and activities for students and staff.



The ALCDSB invites you to join in a board wide virtual Mass on Monday, May 3rd at 10 am. The Mass will be on their [YOUTUBE](#) Channel if you'd like to tune in any day this week.

The ALCDSB virtual events can be found [HERE](#)

The CDSBEO virtual events can be found [HERE](#)

The official website for Catholic Education Week with prayers, resources and more can be found [HERE](#)

A prayer for Catholic Education Week can be found on the next page.



HOPE COMES ALIVE - TUESDAY, MAY 4 AN EVENING OF MUSIC WITH JOSH BLAKESLEY

The ALCDSB & Archdiocesan Youth Office are collaborating for this virtual evening of music and conversation with Christian recording artist Josh Blakesley. Tuesday, May 4th from 7-8 pm. All are welcome! Josh usually does ministry at our Witness Faith Days. He is a music minister at St. Anthony of Padua parish in Texas and a composer and artist with OCP. To participate in this virtual event please sign up to receive the link for the event at www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/youth





MAY 2 – MAY 7, 2021
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK



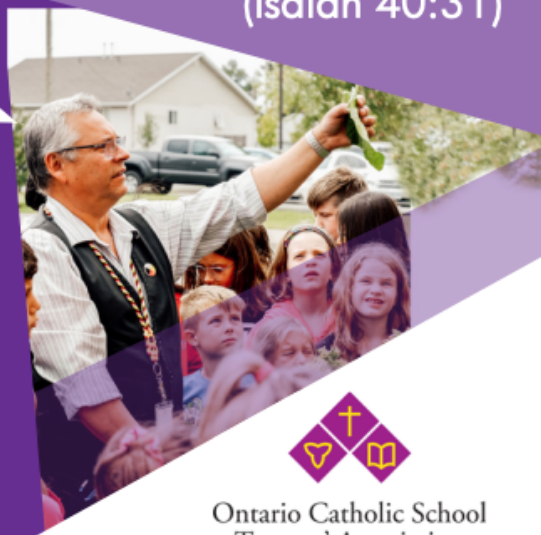
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2021 PRAYER

Gracious and generous God,
creator of the earth, our common home,
With each new day, we prepare the earth of our
lives by sowing seeds of gratitude for all you have
given. Inspire us to cultivate relationships with
all living beings. May we harvest new fruit and
marvel in the wonder at the beauty around us.
Nurture us in hope.

Amen. +

"Those who hope in the LORD will
renew their strength."

(Isaiah 40:31)



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HOPE COMES ALIVE

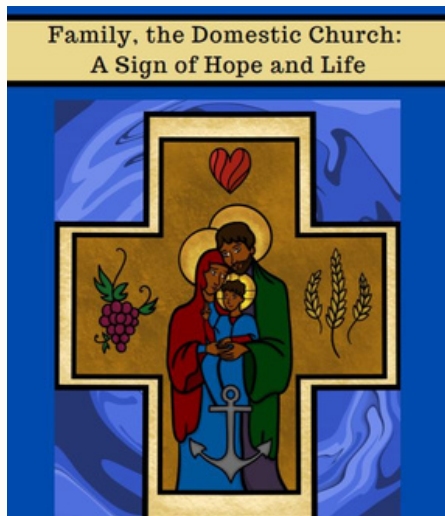


an evening of worship music and
conversation with Josh Blakesley

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021 | 7 - 8 PM
FREE VIRTUAL EVENT

To join us and receive virtual access to this event please visit:
www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/youth

Week for Life & The Family (May 9-16)



A CALL TO PRAYER & RESOURCES

Canadians are called to pray for life and the family in the coming weeks as we prepare to celebrate the National Week of Life and the Family.

The CCCB has created a downloadable prayer card.

[CLICK HERE FOR PRAYER](#)

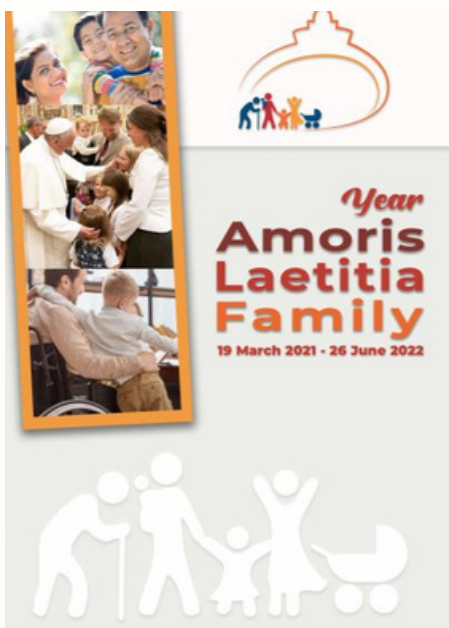
For more national resources visit the [CCCB website](#)

There are prayers of the faithful, suggested activities that families can do at home together.



NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE (MAY 13)

As part of the Week for Life and Family, Canadians can participate virtually in this year's National March For Life. For more details please visit the official website at www.marchforlife.ca



YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY

To mark the 5th anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia, Pope Francis inaugurated a special year dedicated to the family entitled, Year "Amoris Laetitia Family". The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life has provided a brochure with pertinent information and suggestions for the special year, which will opened on the 19 March 2021 and will conclude on the 26 June 2022 at the celebration of the 10th World Meeting of Families, in Rome.

Throughout the year, the Dicastery will be providing supplementary information and resources. You are also invited to consult the Dicastery's website dedicated to the Year "Amoris Laetitia Family":

<http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia.html>

Access the Brochure for Families [HERE](#)



VOCATION NEWS



MICHEL QUENNEVILLE - ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD (MAY 22)

We are delighted that Michel Quenneville will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 22nd at 10:30 am at St. Mary's Cathedral by Archbishop Mulhall. The ordination will be livestreamed. Michel's 1st Mass will be livestreamed as well on Sunday, May 23rd at 2 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. Here are the links for both events:

[Livestream - Michel's Ordination](#)

[Livestream - First Mass](#)

For more on Michel's vocation story visit our vocations page: www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/vocations

SUMMER UPDATES...



TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP UPDATE

We have made the difficult decision, after much prayer, discussion and deliberation to cancel our plans for Totus Tuus Summer Camp this year. We will not be offering in person or virtual camp in July.

Lots of fun faith and summer ideas will be shared during the Summer on our social media and outreach page of the website, but a formal virtual program will not take place. Our hope is to be back in person in July 2022!

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO UPDATE

Steubenville Toronto will not be hosting a youth conference again this summer due to the uncertainty around the pandemic.

Steubenville Youth Conferences will be livestreaming an event from their Steubenville University campus in the summer and information about joining that virtually will be shared. Stay tuned!



YOUTH MINISTRY RESOURCES



YOUTH MINISTRY VIRTUAL OUTREACH

Check out our resources for youth and young adults on our resource page. This page is updated and added to regularly:

www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/outreach



SACRAMENTAL PREP RESOURCES

To view some Sacramental prep resources you can use easily at home in preparing your child for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation please visit our website:

www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/sacramentalpreparation



CONFESSION GUIDE FOR KIDS

The Youth Office has put together a resource for reconciliation for kids. A step-by-step guide to making a good confession, as well as an Examination of Conscience for Kids on the backside. To download this resource visit our sacraments resource page. Great for families to use with their children, great for students in our Catholic schools and parishes preparing children for their first reconciliation.

Click [HERE](#) to access the guide. Also viewable below!



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

The Archdiocese has a page dedicated to the Year of St. Joseph. Lots of resources, prayers, and links to the CCCB's St. Joseph resources as well.

<https://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/stjoseph>



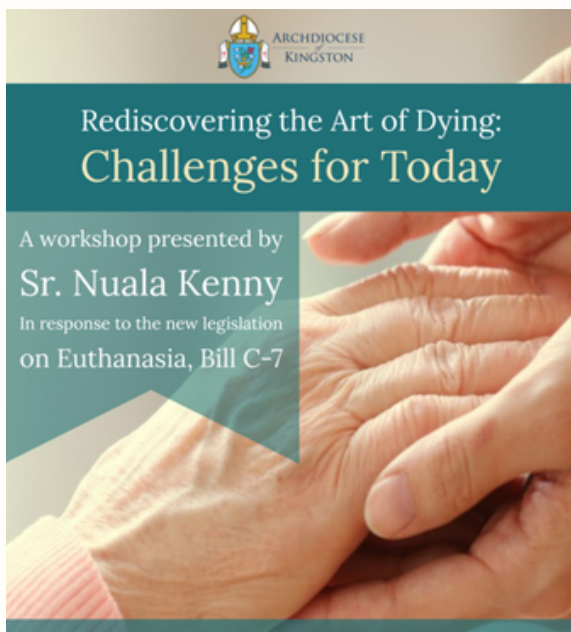
UPCOMING ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS



EASTER SCRIPTURE SERIES - ENCOUNTERING THE RISEN CHRIST IN HIS WORD

During Easter, join virtually to discuss the Sunday Scripture. Tuesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 pm. Each week a different Leader will introduce the upcoming Sunday's Readings and give a Reflection. There will be small group sharing, large group forum, and prayer. No registration needed. For adults.

Visit the archdiocesan website for Zoom links www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/easter



REDISCOVERING THE ART OF DYING: CHALLENGES FOR TODAY WITH SR. NUALA KENNY

Wednesday, May 5, 2021, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Via Zoom by Registration

In response to the new legislation on Euthanasia, Bill C-7, we have invited Sister Nuala Kenny to present a workshop via **Zoom May 5th from 6:30-8:30**. Her workshop is called **Rediscovering the Art of Dying: Challenges for Today**. Please check your bulletins and our website for Zoom registration information. We will be doing registration for this event. Email Gorett at

gorett@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca.

For more info click [HERE](#)

