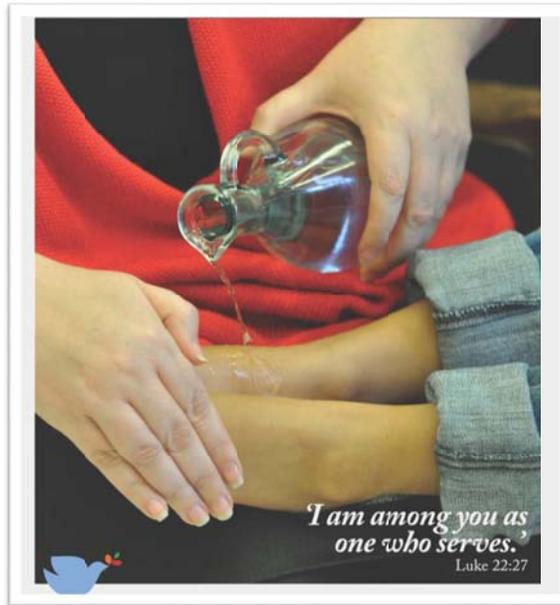


Catholic Education Week

May 4 - May 9, 2014

SERVING IN THE
LOVE OF CHRIST



PRAYERS AND ACTIVITIES
Adapted for use in
Renfrew County Catholic Schools



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RESOURCE KIT 2014



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Catholic Education Week 2014: Serving in the Love of Christ

Each spring, the Catholic community of Ontario celebrates Catholic Education Week to highlight the distinctive identity of our Catholic schools and their unique contributions to society. This year's celebration runs from Sunday May 4th to Friday May 9th with the theme, *Catholic Education: Serving in the Love of Christ*. The overall theme is based on Jesus' words in the Gospel of Luke, "I am among you as one who serves." (Luke 22:27e)

The five sub-themes for *Catholic Education: Serving in the Love of Christ* are:

- Day 1: *Serve with Faithfulness*
- Day 2: *Serve with Humility*
- Day 3: *Serve with Compassion*
- Day 4: *Serve with Justice*
- Day 5: *Serve with Joy*

The Elementary School Resource Kit provides opportunities for students to engage in meaningful activities and reflections to deepen their understanding of Catholic education as both a gift and a responsibility. The Elementary Resource Kit contains:

- Eucharistic Celebration/Prayer Service for elementary school communities
- Prayer Services (in booklet format) specific to each of the five sub-themes
- Lessons for primary, junior and intermediate divisions based on mentor texts that focus on each sub-theme (includes curriculum links, scripture, black line masters, web links, etc.)
- Faith Play Day activities
- Notable quotations for reflection, organized by sub-themes

For Day 5, one common book, *One Love*, was chosen for the lessons in all divisions to allow for the possibility of a whole-school culminating celebration or activity to Catholic Education Week. A school may also decide to organize a Faith Play Day on any of the five days and suggested activities are provided.

Feel free to adapt any of the materials in this package to suit your school's specific needs. Renfrew County CDSB–adapted materials are on the RCCDSB website at: <https://rccdsb.edu.on.ca> and at <http://religiouseducation.rccdsb.edu.on.ca>. Original resources may be found on the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association's (OCSTA) website at: www.ocsta.on.ca. We also encourage all our partners in Catholic education to reference the Secondary Resource Kit and past years' kits for prayers and activities that can enrich the current Elementary Resource Kit.

Feedback regarding this kit is welcome and a form is provided by OCSTA to all Catholic boards as together, we continue *Serving in the Love of Christ*.

Sincerely,

**OCSTA Catholic Education Week Committee
Elementary Resource Writing Team 2014**

Catholic Education Week 2014

Elementary Resource Kit Book List

'I am among you as one who serves.' (Luke 22:27e)

'Serving in the Love of Christ'



1. *Serve with faithfulness*
2. *Serve with humility*
3. *Serve with compassion*
4. *Serve with justice*
5. *Serve with joy*

TITLE	AUTHOR	ISBN	SUB-THEME
<u>I Wanted to Know All About God</u>	Virginia L. Kroll	9780802851666	<i>Faithfulness</i> 1 Samuel 12:24
<u>That's Where God Is</u>	Dan & Ali Morrow	9781434764348	
<u>Really and Truly</u>	Emilie Rivard Anne-Claire Delisle	9781926973401	
<u>Who Did It?</u>	Ron Mehl Jeannie St. John Taylor	0825431689 9780825431685	<i>Humility</i> Luke 14:11
<u>Making the World</u>	Douglas Wood	9781416985969	
<u>Seven Sacred Teachings</u>	David Bouchard Dr. Joseph Martin	9780978432720	
<u>Zero</u>	Kathryn Otoshi	9780972394635	<i>Compassion</i> Colossians 3:12
<u>Each Kindness</u>	Jacqueline Woodson	9780399246524	
<u>The Stamp Collector</u>	Jennifer Lanthier	9781554552184	<i>Justice</i> Matthew 25:40
<u>Leave Me Alone</u>	Kes Gray	9780764147364	
<u>Peace Begins with You</u>	Katherine Scholes	9780316774406	
<u>Nelson Mandela</u>	Kadir Nelson	9780061783760	<i>Joy</i> Philippians 4:4-5
<u>One Love</u>	Adapted by: Cedella Marley Based on the song by: Bob Marley	9781452102245	

**Prayer Service for Large Assembly
or Eucharistic Celebration
for Elementary School Communities**



Serving in the Love of Christ is the theme for Catholic Education Week 2014. During this week of celebration there will be opportunities to gather in small and large groups to pray and celebrate liturgy. The following liturgical outline can be used in its entirety for a Eucharistic Liturgy, or adapted to suit the need of the elementary school community as a prayer service.

Creating Sacred Space (especially in a gymnasium)

Setting a space that is conducive to worship is an important and essential beginning to any liturgy. Inclusion of religious symbols enhances this sacred space (e.g. Bible, cross, candles) and this can be further developed through symbols that represent the sub-themes of the week. Ideally, these symbols are already present in the space before the service begins. The liturgical colour is white because we are in the Easter season.

One common symbol of “Serving” is a bowl with water in it and a towel beside it. During a school day prior to the prayer service/Eucharist have each class create hands on the wall in the room where the celebration will take place. On their hand invite the students to write how they have served someone in the last week. Other symbols could be: a big soup pot and a ladle, rainbow, cross, heart, flowers, scales of justice, gavel, or a dancer’s silhouette.

Outline for Eucharistic/prayer liturgy

Music Suggestions

The CEW 2014 song can be used for any part of the liturgy.

Opening Songs (as chosen from your repertoire)

Some suggestions: Table of Plenty – Dan Schutte
 Gather Your People – Bob Hurd
 We Are Called – David Haas
 Lift Up Your Hearts – Roc O’Connor, SJ
 Lord of Glory – Tim Manion

Preparation of the Gifts (as chosen from your repertoire)

Some suggestions: Be God’s – Danielle Rose

The Servant Song – Richard Gillard
 Here I am, Lord – Dan Schutte
 Take My Hands – Sebastian Temple
 Seek Ye First – Karen Lafferty

Communion Songs (as chosen from your repertoire)

Some suggestions: Love One Another – Bob Dufford, SJ
 Prayer of St. Francis – Sebastian Temple
 Give Me Ears to Listen – Timothy R. Smith
 The Eyes and Hands of Christ – Tom Kendzia

Closing Songs (as chosen from your repertoire)

Some suggestions: Sent Forth By God’s Blessing – Ash Grove
 Take the Word of God with You – Christopher Walker
 Lord, You Give the Great Commission – Abbot’s Leigh
 Children of the Light – Eugene O’Reilly, C. Ss. R.
 With One Voice – Ricky Manalo, CSP

In the chart below are the readings as outlined in the Ordo. It is helpful to print readings for the theme in large print and on separate pages so they are easier to read for the celebration.

Readings

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Theme – Serving in the Love of Christ
Acts 6.8-15	Acts 7.51-8.1a	Acts 8.1b-8	Acts 8.26-40	Acts 9.1-20	1 Peter 4.8 - 11
Ps 119.23-24,26-27, 29-30 (R. 1b)	Ps 31.2cd-3, 5ab+6b+7a, 16-20ab (R. 5a)	Ps 66/1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a (R. 1)	Ps 66. 8-9, 16-17, 20 (R. 1)	Ps 117.1,2 (R. Mk 16-15)	Ps 135. 1-3,5 (R. 1a)
Jn. 6.22-29	Jn. 6:30-35	Jn. 6.35-40	Jn. 6.44-51	Jn. 6.53, 60-69	Lk. 22.24-27
Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!	Into your hands, O Lord, I entrust my spirit.	Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.	Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.	Go out to all the world and tell the good news.	Praise the Lord!



Serving in the Love of Christ – Catholic Education Week Prayer Service

Leader:

It is great to have this opportunity to pray together during our Catholic Education Week celebrations, welcome to any visitors who may have joined us. This year, the theme of our year has been *Serving in the Love of Christ*. Let us begin ...

Opening Song

Opening Prayer

Let us pray: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God of grace and goodness,
We desire to serve in your love.
Show us those persons you call us to serve in truth and goodness.
May your Word direct our actions and give us peace.
We ask this through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

Above all, maintain constant love for one another,
for love covers a multitude of sins.
Be hospitable to one another without complaining.
Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another with whatever gift each of you has
received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God;
whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies,
so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ.



The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 135

Our response to the psalm is: Praise the Lord!

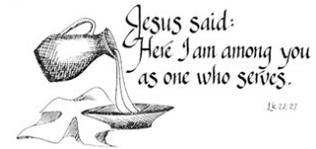
Praise the name of the Lord;
give praise, O servants of the Lord,
you that stand in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God. **R.**



Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;
sing to his name, for he is gracious.
For I know that the Lord is great,
our Lord is above all gods. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation: a suitable acclamation may be sung
Alleluia! Alleluia!



A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

A dispute also rose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.”

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

Gospel Reflection – if required for school prayer service

In the first reading, St. Peter is asking the community to live a life of goodness and service. The followers are being insulted by their unbelieving neighbours who do not understand their faith. Peter tries to encourage them by helping them to remember how Jesus lived and served.

In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus is teaching the disciples that they are confused about what is important in life. The disciples are arguing among themselves about who is the most important. Jesus reminds them that if they are going to follow him, they have to serve like he does. Being a person of service is the most important thing. When we serve others our lives praise God!

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: *Lord, help us to serve in your love.*

For the Church, that all who belong to the body of Christ will grow in their common call to serve, following the example of Jesus. We pray:

For the world, that all God's children will learn to find happiness by serving one another's needs. We pray:

For those who suffer, that God will send them people with hearts and hands open in service look after their needs. We pray:

For Pope Francis, our bishop _____ and our priest Father _____, that they may always be loving examples of Christ-like service. We pray:



For the needs of our parents, our first teachers in how to serve. We pray:

For the needs of our secretaries, caretakers, maintenance and all support staff who serve us every day. We pray:

For the needs of our academic staff, principals, teachers, EAs, ECEs, librarians, guidance counselors, who help us to learn. We pray:

For the needs of all our students, the centre of our learning community. We pray:

If this is a Eucharist, continue with Mass.

If this is a Prayer Service, pray the Our Father then close with the prayer that follows.

Closing Prayer

Loving God,

we pray that we might have the strength
to walk in the footsteps of Jesus your Son
when our world is calling us to walk a different path.

As a community of faith at (insert school name here),
help us to support one another in the knowledge that his path alone, leads to true
happiness and freedom.

We make this prayer through Jesus our friend, brother and Lord,

Amen +



In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen +

Closing Song