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MEMORANDUM

TO: School Principals

FROM: Natalie Cameron, Superintendent of School Effectiveness
Paul Mantha, Principal of Religious and Family Life Education

DATE: January 15, 2018

RE: Catholic Education Coalition Event

Catholic Education Coalition - Central Event
Thursday, February 22nd, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Guest Speaker – Bishop Gerard Bergie

A Precious Past – A Promising Future

Our Guest Speaker will be followed by a discussion and planning session where we will share ideas around our school traditions; our Saint and CEC school projects; and, time to finalize our Regional spring events.

As a reminder, regional chairs are asked to hold initial planning meetings as soon as possible. All school principals are asked to provide the CEC presentation to their Catholic School Council before February 22nd, 2018.

Spring CEC Event **Checklist**

The Catholic Education Coalition was developed to preserve, promote and protect Catholic education through the establishment of a strong bond among schools, homes and parishes.

Please take a moment to review the following elements and ensure that they are present in your spring event:

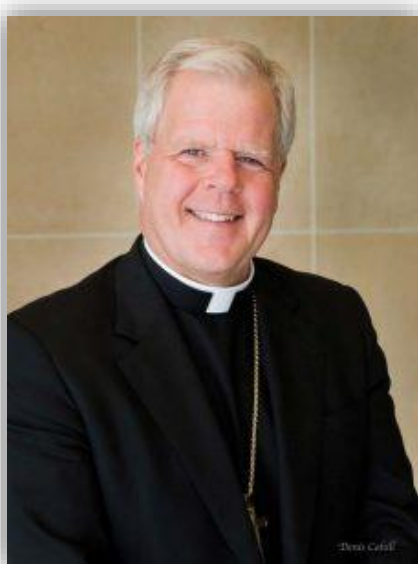
- ✓ All school communities within the region are represented at the event.
- ✓ All parishes within the region have been invited to participate in the event. This includes pastors, deacons and parishioners.
- ✓ The Archbishop from your region is invited to attend well in advance.
- ✓ The broader community has been made aware of the event. You will want to invite local media and politicians to come and enjoy.
- ✓ The event is designed to allow for parents and children to attend together. If the event takes place during the school day, a special invitation to parents should be extended so they can feel part of the event.
- ✓ The event acts to highlight our Catholic identity. Through the showcased work of our students, our faith is clearly evident. Some examples could include the selection of hymns/Christian songs for the choir; Catholic themes found in student art work; poetry that captures themes of Catholic Education Week; or, posters that promote Catholic Social Teachings.
- ✓ The six *Faith Forces* are evident before, during and following your regional event.

Learning and Growing Together in Christ

Catholic Education Coalition

A Precious Past – A Promising Future

A presentation by Bishop Gerard Bergie



Bishop Gerard Paul Bergie was named Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines on September 14, 2010 and installed on November 9, 2010.

He studied at St. Jerome's College, the University of Waterloo and St. Peter's Seminary, London, Ontario. He received a master's degree in Divinity from the University of Western Ontario in 1983 and a licentiate in Canon Law from the University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum) in Rome in 1991.

Bishop Bergie is currently a member of the English Sector Episcopal Commission for Evangelization and Catechesis of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), Chair of the Education Commission of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO) and a member of the Catholic-Lutheran Church of Canada Theological Dialogue.

February 22, 2018
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

St. Michael Catholic High School
2755 Hwy. 43, Kemptville ON

Live-streamed to three regional locations:

Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Cornwall
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School, Russell
and Notre Dame Catholic High School, Carleton Place