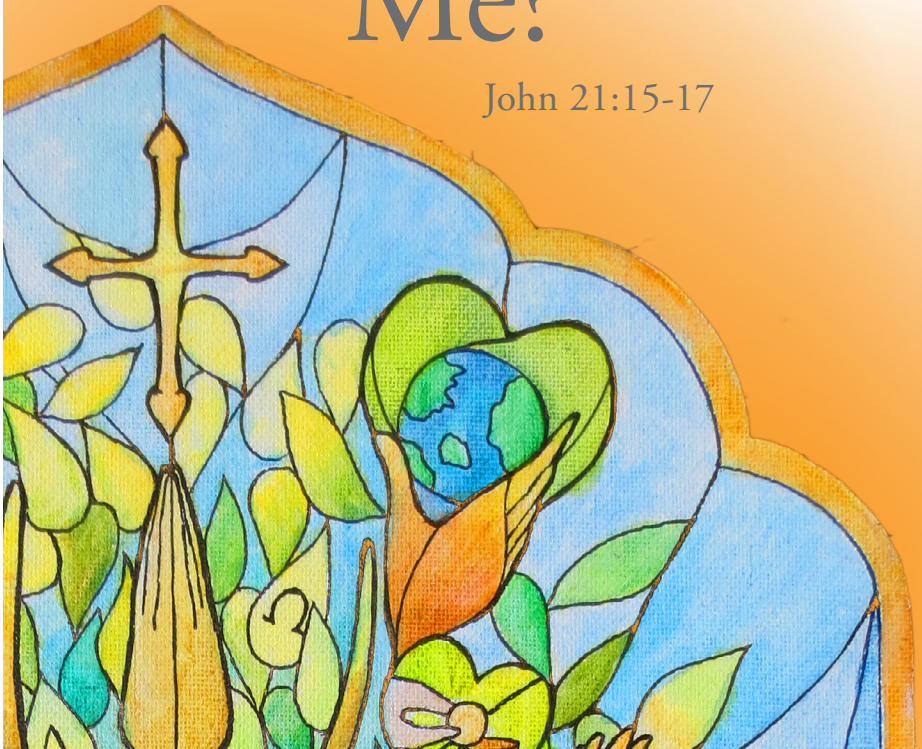


The Office of
Faith Formation
Winter/Spring 2021

ADULT
FAITH
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PROGRAM
2020 – 2021

Do you love
Me?

John 21:15-17



Achieving
Believing
Belonging

Jesus, our Saviour and Friend,

You have shown us so much love.
You are gentle with us, you heal us, you died on the
Cross for us.
Now you ask us, “Do you love Me?”

As we come to know you better, and see all that you
have done for us,
May our hearts be filled with love for you.
Make us eager to always do what you ask of us,
And to see your face and love you in everyone else we
meet,
Especially those we may find it hard to love.

It is your love which turns our lives around.
By trying to love as you have loved us, we become
more and more like you.
Guide us always on our way,
Show us each day how to love you more.
Spirit of the living God, fill our hearts!

Amen.



When we look at the model of the scriptures, Jesus taught the adults about their faith and spoke to the children. It has been said that we have it backwards today, that we educate the children and speak to the adults.



Pope Paul VI told us that people learn from witnesses, not from teachers, but if they learn from teachers it is because they are also witnesses. In order to be effective witnesses we must be informed about our faith, formed in it and transformed by it; only then can we truly assist in the formation

and transformation of our students. Our baptism calls us all to be evangelists; as participants in Catholic Education we are all catechists: “Every catechist should be able to apply to himself the mysterious words of Jesus: “My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.” (Pope St John Paul II in *Catechesi Tradendae*, 6, October 16, 1979).

We invite all staff to participate in the Adult Faith Formation program, recognising that this year it may be offered quite differently. We ask that initially, you register for no more than two day-time sessions so that we may share the opportunity as widely as possible. Note that these may be delivered using an online platform.



Pedagogy of faith is not a question of transmitting human knowledge, even of the highest kind; it is a question of communicating God's revelation in its entirety.

Let All That You Do Be Done in Love

(1 Cor. 16:13)



Presenter: Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony, EV
Vicar for Education

Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Location: Online via MS Teams (an invitation with a link will be sent to those who have registered)

Fr. Con, well known to us as our Vicar for Education in the Diocese of Hamilton, will address with us some of the difficult issues we face when our daily realities and the teachings of scripture or the doctrine of the Church seem to clash. This is an opportunity to ask frank questions and have open discussion.

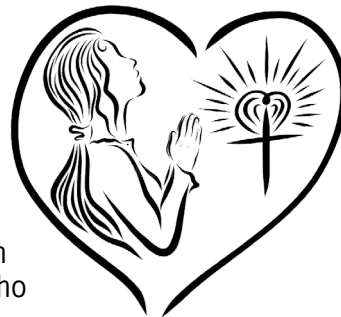
Reflecting God's Love

Presenter: David Dayler

Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Location: Online via MS Teams (an invitation with a link will be sent to those who have registered)



Jesus Christ is the human image of God. We are FORMED by God the Father; INFORMED by the Word, our Lord Jesus Christ and TRANSFORMED by the power of the Holy Spirit so that we might reflect our love for Him and His love for us to all we encounter. Join us as we explore how we see, share and reflect God's love in today's crazy world. God awaits our response to his question: Do You Love Me? We are called to respond in both word and deed.

What Can We Learn From the Dead Sea Scrolls?



Presenter: Sr. Eileen Schuller

Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Location: Online via MS Teams (an invitation with a link will be sent to those who have registered)

The Dead Sea Scrolls have been called the "greatest manuscript discovery of modern times." This session will explore the importance of this collection of over eight Jewish hundred manuscripts written from about 200 BCE – 70 CE but only discovered some seventy years ago. We will focus on what they can tell us about how our bible came to be and how they shed light on the diversity and vitality of Jewish life at the time of Jesus; as an example, we will look at what they can tell us about the role of women at this time."

Do You Love Me? Shall We Dance?

Presenter: Adriana Rerecich

Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Location: Online via MS Teams (an invitation with a link will be sent to those who have registered)



This workshop will explore the images we have for the Trinity, and how these images can affect how we see ourselves and our work in God's kingdom.

Participants will gain an appreciation for dancing and for the art of theological reflection. No experience of dance is required.

How Wide Are God's Arms?

Presenter: Dr. Murray Watson, Adult Faith Facilitator,
Simcoe Muskoka CDSB

Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 (evening) to
Saturday, May 1, 2021 (afternoon)

Time: Friday 5:00 p.m. to Saturday 3:30 p.m

Location: Online via MS Teams (an invitation with a link will be sent to those who have registered)

For much of Christian history, our view of heaven tended to be quite narrow and exclusive: "Outside the Church, there is no salvation". In the last 75 years, our lived experience as Church — and new theological approaches — have led to a much more nuanced and humble approach to the question of "who gets into heaven". How can our new answers to these vital questions help us to appreciate, welcome, and model God's mercy in our own lives, as 21st Century Christians?

The retreat will include prayer, short presentations, large and small group discussion, and time for personal reflection.



Do You Love Me? Choose Life!

Presenter: Gillian Federico, C.D., and
Adriana Rerecich

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2021

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Location: Online via MS Teams (an invitation with a link will be sent to those who have registered)

Most of us are familiar with this quotation from Deuteronomy; however, have we every really thought about what this means in its entirety? Gillian and Adriana will lead the group through an investigation into the Consistent Life Ethic (CLE) and how a commitment to this may change our attitudes towards social issues.

Additional Course Offerings

Religious Education Courses Parts I, II and III (SPECIALIST)

As a Catholic school system, we are distinct, and we espouse a Catholic philosophy of education. While we are accountable to the Ontario Ministry of Education, which sets educational policy, it is important to remember that the starting points for Catholic educators are the Gospel of Jesus and the tradition of the Catholic Church.

For this reason, the Board is pleased to continue the practice of providing the Religious Education AQ Courses and covering the cost for probationary and permanent contract teachers and school administrators. Our Board's budget allocation in support of these courses provides tangible evidence of our commitment to support teachers and administrators who dedicate their time to this valuable learning.

The Halton Catholic District School Board provides its own version of the Ontario College of Teachers' Additional Qualification courses, Religious Education in Catholic Schools. **Probationary and Permanent teachers who wish to have their costs covered must take the HCDSB board-provided courses.** If the Board is not offering a session of a Religious Education Additional Qualification, probationary and permanent teachers may apply to the Superintendent of Faith Formation Services for approval of reimbursement prior to taking the course with an alternative provider.

It is my hope that teaching and administrative staff will continue to avail themselves of this professional development opportunity that contributes to improved student learning, and the distinctive Catholic character of our schools.

Patrick Daly
Director of Education

For more information, please refer to Administrative Procedure VI-9(A) through StaffNet, or contact:

Elizabeth Trolie, at trolie@hcdsb.org.

St. Jerome's University, Waterloo Master of Catholic Thought Program



ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY

This degree is designed for those who wish to deepen their knowledge and appreciation of the Roman Catholic tradition towards leadership in education, health care, and social services.

A Master's program in theology designed especially for Catholic lay leaders.

Full-time and Part-time Studies available.

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The University of St. Michael's College Faculty of Theology Programs

The Faculty of Theology at the University of St. Michael's College offers two Degree programs that may be followed on a part-time basis.

The Master of Religious Education and Master of Theological Studies degrees each consist of 20 units of study, which may be completed in a span of two to eight years. MRE students can reduce their course requirements to 16 units with proof of a B. Ed., two years of teaching, and the Religion AQ III.

Eight courses will be offered in the Fall and Winter semesters of 2019-2023, so long as enrolment merits.

As of September 2020, the Faculty will be holding courses remotely for the Fall term (courses won't be offered in Hamilton this Fall, unlike in previous years). A decision regarding the Winter semester will be made when the time approaches.

See: https://stmikes.utoronto.ca/academics/programs/?program_categories=graduate



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IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Program Offerings:

Diploma in Interfaith Dialogue

The Faculty of Theology will offer diploma courses designed to encourage meaningful dialogue among people of various religious traditions. The diploma will be particularly useful for anyone teaching World Religions.

The diploma consists of 10 units, with each unit made up of 12 class hours. Classes, offered on evenings and weekends, will look at the world's major religions and themes common to all faiths, as well as two courses examining Catholic principles of interfaith and ecumenical dialogue.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Scarborough Missions, each course in the 2020-2021 academic year will cost \$175.

For more information, please see:

www.stmikes.utoronto.ca/programs/diploma-interfaith/

Or, further inquiries, please contact:

Anthony De Feo, Programs Coordinator, at (416) 926-7128,
anthony.defeo@utoronto.ca OR inquiry.usmctheology@utoronto.ca.

Registration information may be obtained from Emil Iruthayathas at:
usmctheology.registrar@utoronto.ca.

Saint Paul University

Master of Arts in Transformative Leadership and Spirituality (MA)

The Faculty of Human Sciences of Saint Paul University offers an interdisciplinary graduate program leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Transformative Leadership and Spirituality. The degree highlights personal and social transformation, critical analysis, and practice-based learning. Integrating the spiritual, ethical and transformative dimensions of leadership, this degree is designed to build leadership capacity for animating the personal, social, cultural, and systemic change required for meeting the challenges of the 21st century. It allows participants to identify and develop their leadership capacities in order to become transformative agents within their respective environments. The Providence School recognizes the important role of communities of faith in this shared task.

Leaders and emerging leaders in health care, education, pastoral, government, and non-governmental organizations are among those welcome to apply.

The Senate of Saint Paul University and the University of Ottawa confer the degree jointly.

Courses are offered through a distance-education hybrid framework. The bulk of the hours are offered through various online activities through the BriteSpace platform. We hold a one-week intensive session per trimester which consists of three-hour classes per course. Part-time students are required to be present on campus for the courses they are following.



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Saint Paul University

Master of Arts in Transformative Leadership and Spirituality (MA)

Admission Requirements for the Program Include:

- Hold an Honours Bachelor's degree in Humanities or Social Sciences with an average of 70% and have work/volunteer experience
- Have 6 credits in a curriculum that includes reflection on the spiritual dimensions of human experience grounded in the Humanities, Spirituality or Religious Studies, or equivalent experience.
- Submit the required documents.
- Participate in an interview process for selected candidates.

For further information, please contact:

Miriam K. Martin, PBVM

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Subsidy for Theological Education

Teachers may apply to the Director for subsidy of up to two courses per year at \$500.00 each by contacting Lorrie Naar, Superintendent of Education, through Elizabeth Trolie (trolie@hcdsb.org).

Reimbursement is given, provided that:

- The part-time course is undertaken at the Master/Doctoral level at an accredited university
- The candidate submits the course description and related course fees to the Director of Education or designate for approval prior to the commencement of the course; and
- The applicant provides evidence of successful completion and proof of payment

Please see Administrative Procedure No. VI-9(B) for complete policy and procedure.



Presenter Information

David Dayler has worked as an educator, parish minister, adjunct faculty at St. Michael's University, retreat facilitator, faith formation consultant, program co-ordinator in the Diocese of Hamilton. David holds a Masters of Theological Studies from St. Michael's University, University of Toronto. David recently retired from his position as the Director of the Discipleship & Parish Life Office for the Diocese of Hamilton. He is the co-author of *Gifted by God*, a Confirmation Preparation program and DVD retreat resource, published by Novalis, *Being a Man After God's Own Heart*, addressing issues of men's spirituality, and *Sharing Our Stories*, a resource for Catholic grandparents.

Gillian Federico, CD is System Chaplain and Faith Formation Lead for HCDSB. Her life journey led her to become a Catholic as an adult and has included teaching at the elementary, secondary and post-secondary levels, consultancy in religious and family life education and adult faith development, parish ministry, and Canadian Armed Forces chaplaincy. She is strongly committed to interfaith dialogue and ministry, good liturgy, and good English. Gillian believes in learning constantly and is always searching for something new, interesting and challenging to pursue.

Fr. Cornelius (Con) O'Mahony grew up in County Cork, Ireland and immigrated to Canada in 1982 as a newly ordained priest. He has served in parishes in Georgetown, Hamilton, Oakville and Kitchener before his appointment to St. Michael's Parish, Waterloo in 2008. In November 2010, he was appointed Vicar for Education for the Diocese of Hamilton by Bishop Douglas Crosby. Con completed his studies for the priesthood at St. Patrick's College Carlow, Ireland and while completing his Masters in Theology, had the opportunity to study with some of the major figures in Catholic education after the Second Vatican Council. He has taught courses in Religious Education at St. Michael's College, Brock University and for twenty-five years, with the OECTA Religious Education formation program for teachers in many parts of Ontario.

He has served on the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Commission on Religious Education and was a resource person for the *Born in the Spirit* Series of Catechetical Resources that are used in Catholic Schools and parishes throughout Canada. In September 2007 he participated in a research and study project on faith formation for teachers with participants from New Zealand, England, Australia and Canada at Edith Cowan University in Perth, Australia.

Con has written extensively on faith and culture and is an editorial advisor and regular book reviewer for *Celebrate*, a Canadian magazine for persons involved in liturgy and pastoral ministry. His essay 'The Parish in a Culture of Change' won awards in Canada and the United States in the spring of 2010. He is the co-author of 'Life is Changed Not Ended' which was published by Novalis in Canada in 2005. He is a member of the Board of Governors for St. Jerome's University.

In his spare time, Con likes to travel and has journeyed across the Himalayas from Lhasa in Tibet to Kathmandu Nepal and down the Mekong River through Laos and Cambodia in South East Asia. He is an avid reader, likes to cook and is interested in new music and theatre.

Presenter Information (Continued)

Adriana Rerecich is a Chaplaincy Leader with our Board and has been for the past 16 years. She has a passion for her students, helping them see themselves as God's chosen. She spends much time reading on and wondering how faith and culture intersect and influence each other. Adriana delights in helping others awaken their imaginations to join God's vision for humanity.

Sr. Eileen Marie Schuller, OSU, is a member of the Ursuline Sisters of Chatham, Ontario and currently Professor Emerita in the Department of Religious Studies at McMaster University,

She studied at the University of Alberta, University of Toronto and Harvard, and has taught at Newman Theological College and St Joseph College, Edmonton, Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax, and most recently at McMaster University, where she held the Senator William McMaster Chair in the Study of Religion.

Her research and teaching have focused on Judaism in the Second Temple period: the Dead Sea Scrolls, especially texts of prayers and hymns, and the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha, with a focus on topics related to women in these texts.

She has published many scholarly works on her subject including the first editions of a number of texts of prayers and psalms, and two books for more general readership: *The Dead Sea Scrolls: What Have We Learned?* (Westminster John Knox Press 2006) and *Post-Exilic Prophets* (Liturgical Press, 1988). She has been associate editor for many projects, including *The Paulist Biblical Commentary*, *The HarperCollins Study Bible*, *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, *Encyclopedia of the Dead Sea Scrolls*, and *The Bible and Women - An Encyclopaedia of Exegesis and Cultural History*.

Sr. Eileen has held a number of esteemed positions: President of the Catholic Biblical Association (2017-2018); Lady Davis Visiting Professor at Hebrew University (2013); Alexander van Humboldt researcher at Georg-August University, Göttingen (2005-2006); and, President of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies (1994-1995). She was elected a member of the Royal Society of Canada in 2014.

She also has served in chaplaincy at McMaster since 1990, for ten years was President of the Canadian Friends of École Biblique, was appointed delegate of the Canadian Bishops to the Catholic Jewish Dialogue, beginning in 2015, and to the Canadian Christian-Jewish Consultation (2003-2014).

For many years she has been a consultant to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the preparation of lectionaries for Canada and continues to consult on the Weekday Lectionary.

Presenter Information (Continued)

Dr. Murray Watson is an intellectually curious individual who enjoys the challenge of research and learning, and the stimulation of working with languages, as a writer, translator, editor and proofreader. He is a passionate adult educator, someone who seeks to build bridges between religions, cultures, groups and individuals, and to foster better inter-religious cooperation. He is thoughtful, articulate, creative and open-minded, appreciating the best of what is old, but embracing (with discernment) what the new has to offer. Murray is currently the Adult Faith Animator for the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board.

How to Register for AFF Programs

1. Staff members interested in registering for an Adult Faith Formation program should seek prior approval from their respective principal/supervisor. In order to provide an opportunity for all HCDSB staff to participate, we invite you to enroll in one to two of the daytime sessions in the AFF program.**
2. Once approval has been confirmed, go to HCDSB StaffNet and click on “Event Registration”.
3. Identify the session(s) you would like to attend and click on “Sign Up”. You should receive a confirmatory e-mail within a short time.
4. If any session is over-booked, please add yourself to the waitlist and consider registering for another event. Should space become available, you will be notified by the Office of Faith Formation.
5. Cancellation notice is required one week prior to the session date. Please remove your name from the Event Registration and notify Elizabeth Trolio (trolie@hcdsb.org).
6. Where applicable, please record your absence on SmartFind Express using the supply coverage provided when you register for a session.
7. Note that registration for the Eco Café requires attendance on all dates listed. You must register on Event Registration for each individual date.

**The “one to two” daytime session suggestion does not preclude our attendance at evening events.

NOTE: Please be informed that your registration for the weekend retreat is not confirmed until your payment is received.

For registration information, please contact Elizabeth Trolio:
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- 905-632-6300 x135

Program Director: System Chaplain and Faith Formation Lead:
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