

*Closing Prayer*

Dear God,

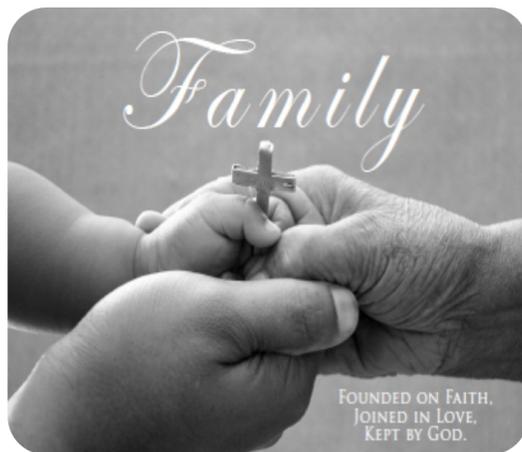
You have called us to lead.  
There are times when we feel overwhelmed and unsure.  
We look into the eyes of our colleagues  
and think, “how can we do this?”

Help us to know that we are doing your will.  
Give us the sense of peace  
that is born of knowing that you are with us.  
Give us the sense of love  
that is born of forgiveness and communion.

May we always remember you are our strength  
and our leader.

We make this prayer through our leader, our teacher, our  
companion, Jesus.

**Amen**



**CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS  
DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015**

**6:30 PM**



***Call to Prayer:***

As God’s holy people we recall the promise  
that wherever two or three of us are gathered in  
God’s name that God is present among us.  
Remembering this Presence let us begin our prayer  
as we should begin all that we do –  
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

***Opening Prayer:***

God, in the waters of Baptism, you have bonded us to yourself  
and to one another as your people.  
You have called us to be your Good News in the world.  
Release afresh within us the life of your Spirit and keep us  
faithful branches of the Vine Jesus who is Lord forever and ever.  
**Amen**

***First Reading:***

A reading from a letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12: 4-11

**All: Glory to you O Lord**

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognizing Spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



***Call and Response***

The response is, Lord hear our prayer.  
For all parents, that they may always grow in appreciation of their call to be the primary educators of their children especially in handing on the faith, we pray **R**  
For our administrators, teachers and all professional educators, that they may be deeply rooted in and draw hope from the Teacher from Nazareth, we pray **R**.  
For our students, may they always be open to the Spirit alive within them and generously use their talents and gifts for the good of all, we pray **R**.

***Together:***

**WE BELIEVE THAT**

- God calls us to be God’s holy people in the world
- God’s Spirit resides among us in community
- Community is at the heart of all education
- A faith community is the privileged residence of God’s Spirit and the focus of all faith learning
- We are privileged to be called by God to create the faith community for Catholic Education

***Gospel Reading***

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark (7.24-30)

**Glory to you O Lord**

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

