

Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario

This Moment of Promise

Parents

We encourage you to take your own faith development as seriously as you take that of your children.

You are the primary educators of your children. Catholic schools can only extend and complement the educational process which you have begun and are continuing with your children. We encourage you to take your own faith development as seriously as you take that of your children. We invite you to become more involved in shaping educational policies and directions-- particularly those dealing with religious and family life education programs, personal development courses, and child and day care programs. Seek out and insist on ways of becoming more closely related to those who are teaching your children. Consider the opportunities offered by parent organizations in our schools. Catholic schools will be greatly enriched by your efforts to bridge the gap between parish, home and school.

We realize there are times when you are under the kind of stress which makes your task as parents or guardians and educators all the more difficult. In situations where there is only one parent or where both parents are working, there is little energy for anything beyond work and/or home. We have also heard your feelings of confusion and inadequacy when faced with some of the problems your children are going through. Catholic schools do not expect to deal with perfect students or perfect parents. They are there for parents who care enough to want their children to grow in a sense of values and faith.