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"Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking to us on the road?" – Luke 24:32

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This Great Gift of Easter

By Father Fred Scinto, C. R.

Easter is here again! What does it mean for us in our society in this twenty-first century? For many of us it means the Easter Bunny and many candy eggs, especially chocolate ones. It means spending time with our loved ones so long as they are not too far away from us. For most of us it means some kind of a longer weekend because there usually is some time off from our usual work connected with this Easter time. And for many of us we import our crazy hectic life, our hurried-up life, constantly on the move, into this Easter time. And, maybe, a number of us who are not particularly church-goers at other times of the year, try to get to church on Easter Sunday.

The above is a fair description of Easter for many people in today's post-Christian society. But is that all there is to it? The above sounds so ordinary and plain and almost value-less. There has to be more and there is! And for serious Christians there is more, much more!

Just think of the words of the very beautiful hymn/song, "**Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today**," a hymn with which most Christians are familiar. Here are the words:

*"Jesus Christ is ris'n today,
Our triumphant holy day,
Who did once upon the cross,
Suffer to redeem our loss.*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing,
United to Christ our heav'nly king,
Who endured the cross and grave,
Sinners to redeem and save.*

*But the pains which He endured,
Our salvation have procured;
Now above the sky He's king,
Where the angels ever sing.*

*Sing we to our God above,
Praise eternal as God's love;
Praise Him, now His might confess,
Father, Son and Spirit bless." Alleluia!*

Easter is all about life, joyful life forever, and a gift freely bestowed on us by Christ if we truly believe. It is ours for the taking! My sisters and brothers, happy Easter to you all. LIVE FOREVER!

Father Fred Scinto, C.R., of the Resurrection Centre for Lifelong Learning, is the Spiritual Animator of the Waterloo Catholic District School Board.

Second Anniversary of Pope Francis!!

Friday, March 13, 2015 marked the second anniversary of **Pope Francis**. To mark the occasion we share below the **Prayer of St. Thomas More for Good Humour** – a prayer His Holiness prays daily:

*Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.
Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humour to maintain it. Grant me a simple soul that knows how to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place. Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumbling, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called 'I'.*

Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke and to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others.



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Around the Region...



Our school administrators and board office senior staff are “life-long learners” – meeting monthly to stay up to date on the latest in the world of teaching & learning. They strive to be the best they can be in order to help all students succeed!

Below – as part of their quest for Ontario EcoSchools GOLD certification the EcoTeam at Holy Rosary CES have introduced “Recycling Buddies” Rosie & Roy!



On February 6 motivational speaker **Karl Subban** visited **St. Bernadette CEC** with his special message of resiliency in the face of adversity. Mr. Subban is a retired school principal and father of hockey stars **PK (Montreal)**, **Malcolm (Boston)** and **Jordan Subban (Vancouver)**.



As one of her “Principal for the Day” duties **St. Teresa (K) CES** student **Olivia Resch** chooses next year’s student agenda covers.

WCDSB Multi-year Strategic Plan

In January, 2015 – in keeping with the **Education Act's** requirement that all Ontario school boards “develop a multi-year plan aimed at achieving the goals of student achievement and well-being, positive school climate, inclusive an accepting schools, stewardship of resources, and effective and appropriate education programs to its pupils” -- a multi-stakeholder Waterloo Catholic District School Board steering committee began planning the WCDSB's next multi-year strategic plan (the current plan expired in December, 2014).

A key part of the planning process includes a broadly-based community consultation. The goal of this community consultation is to gain feedback from across our Catholic community to help the board of trustees and the board's senior administrative team to:

- Discover:** what is working in the school system;
- Dream:** imagine the ideal school system and discern the potential of the system;
- Design:** a plan to achieve the ideal school system for the 21st century; and,
- Destiny:** take steps to create a preferred future of maximum benefits to our students.



To that end we are requesting your assistance in providing the feedback that will inform our new strategic plan and thereby help shape our activities over the next three years.

A **Community Consultation Guide** and on-line survey are posted online at <https://www.wcdsb.ca/myasp> and students, staff, parents and members of the broader Catholic community are certainly invited and welcome to respond.



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New Breslau School in the Works



In late January, 2015 the **Township of Woolwich** and **Waterloo Catholic District School Board** announced plans to explore a shared use project in Breslau that would see the construction of a new Catholic elementary school and public library in the existing **Breslau Memorial Park**.

The plan will include significant enhancements to the existing community centre outdoor recreational facilities. The project is subject to the final approval of the Township of Woolwich Council, the Waterloo Catholic District School Board, and the **Region of Waterloo Library**.

Facts about the Project

- ✓ The Waterloo Catholic District School Board voted on May 27, 2013 to secure a school site in Breslau and proceed with the construction of a new 250 pupil place elementary school. The new school will replace the existing **St. Boniface CES** in Maryhill.
- ✓ Pending sale of land and final approvals, the new school will be attached to the existing **Breslau Community Centre** and will include a 5,000 sq. ft. shared use public library.
- ✓ An agreement between the Township of Woolwich and the WCDSB will permit shared use of the existing gymnasium and sports fields, and the new public library.
- ✓ The approximately \$1.75 million Woolwich Township would gain from selling four acres to the WCDSB will be reinvested back into the revitalization of Breslau Memorial Park – including construction of a new community splash pad.
- ✓ The shared use public library will enable a large and accessible space within the growing community of Breslau, which will result in an increased collection size, new library programs for children, teens and adults and improved computer access.

Details are available at:

www.woolwich.ca/en/newsevents/news.asp?_mid=15564#maps



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WCDSB Annual Awards

Nominations are open for the annual WCDSB **Distinguished Graduate, Community Partner & Chair's Awards**.



The **Distinguished Graduate Award** was established in 2005 under the Board's "Celebration of Excellence" policy. It is presented annually to a graduate of 10 or more years from Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools who has provided an outstanding example of the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations in action. The award is presented at the graduation exercises of the recipient's Secondary School or another appropriate public venue.

The **Chair's Award** is presented to a person (or group of people) in the school system who has contributed significantly to Catholic Education. It is given annually in recognition of outstanding contributions made in serving the students, staff and greater community of Waterloo Region and/or to the betterment of Catholic Education in Ontario in general.

The **Community Partner Award** is presented annually in recognition of outstanding contributions made to Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools by a community partner or agency serving the students, staff and greater community of Waterloo Region.

To make a nomination please email: barb.pilsner@wcdsb.ca

For a list of past recipients please visit: www.wcdsb.ca/about/awards/awards.html



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