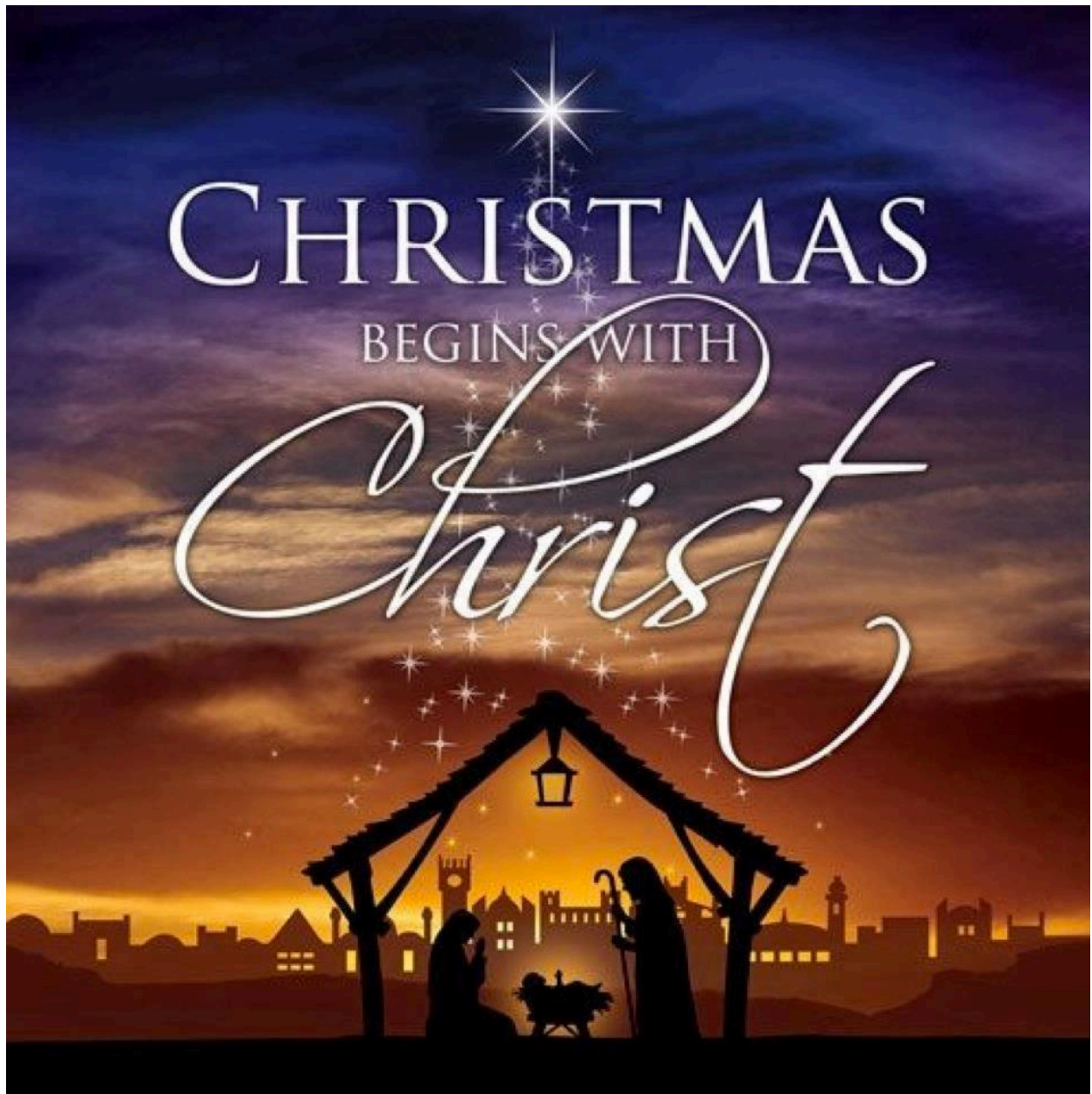


CSCO Christmas Newsletter

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2018 Highlights: attending the World Meeting of Families in Ireland, including the Festival of Families Saturday night followed by the Papal Mass on Sunday - and bumping into Lorenzo Campanelli and his wife at the airport returning home!!

2019 Best wishes: all chaplaincy leaders can continue to be the light of Christ in their schools.



Teresa McFadden, Loyola Catholic Secondary School, Mississauga

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (John 1,14)

"You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view [...] until you climb into his skin and walk around in it." (Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, The remarkable truth about Christianity is that our God took on human flesh, so that we would know that we are not alone in our earthly struggle. He is the only God that not only understands our point of view, but "climbed into our skin and walked around in it". Let us remember that part of our Creed when life's trials test our faith. Glory to God in the highest, and to all of you - peace!

"To live without faith, without a patrimony to defend, without a steady struggle for truth, that is not living, but existing." Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati



Maciej Blok, St. Thomas More Catholic Secondary School, Hamilton

Since I am still on a sabbatical leave due to my ill health, my highlight for 2018 was improved health! Yippee!

My wish for CSCO for 2019 is that they continue to be recognized and validated for the extremely important roles they play in our school communities!



Brenda Reinkeluers, Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School, Carleton Place

A 2018 highlight was the completion of 22 Mount Mary retreats for the Grade 8's and the wonderful and blessed opportunity to be a High School Chaplain for 3 months.

My Christmas and 2019 blessing is as follows.

I wish you and your families a very Merry and Blessed Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

May the Christ-child bless you and your families with great joy, happiness, peace and love.

May 2019 be a prosperous year, filled with great health, happiness and holiness.

God Bless and Merry Christmas



Deacon Shawn Panio, Elementary School Chaplain, Waterloo Catholic District School Board

One of my highlights for the 2018 would be:

This past June, God came into our family in the form of my baby granddaughter 😊 He blessed us all with baby Adrijana Sofia, a beautiful joyful baby girl who has turned the entire family up side down. Soooo blessed we are to have her. She is a precious baby jewel. Definitely God's presence. Very grateful we are for this honourable gift from heaven.

To all members:

May God bless all and each one of your actions, your decisions and your challenges through this coming year 2019, with his wisdom, patience, prudence and love.. May God bless you with good health, joyful and loving heart, and endless happiness in your amazing mission as chaplains and disciples of Jesus Christ and children of God. May you feel God's presence in every person you encounter, in your families and in your communities. And may the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ come upon you and your generations forever and ever, amen.

Believe in Miracles!...for with God all things are possible.



Nuri Garza, St. Joseph's Catholic High School, St. Thomas

My greatest adventure in ministry this past year was being able to enter and being recognized in the elementary system. I work with some amazing staff, students and fellow campus ministers that I have come to realize are true blessings for me to be a part of my life.

I will be retiring in 2019 but one of my greatest gifts was being a Campus Minister. I pray you will live each day knowing the most wonderful gift today is you being a minister in the footsteps of our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Blessings** be on you and let faith guide your heart all year. I will pray the New Year is one of choicest blessings, **joy**, peace, and love that satisfies our Lord. May this year also be another year of learning to pray, to love, and to feel God's grace. Please pray for me as I enter into the next faith-filled chapter of my life.



Judy Butera, Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School, Leamington

My 2018 highlight was really connecting with the students in particular on our November 1 Feast Day. I went through a series of Avengers characters who bore similarities to some of the saints, and I found that both teachers and students responded very well to a fun way to connect popular culture and our Catholic faith.

My 2019 wish for the membership is that you can always find someone to have your back and to understand where you're coming from. As most of us know, Chaplaincy can be lonely sometimes, and having someone to reach out to is essential. Blessings on 2019!



Lindsay Moore-Chung, All Saints Catholic High School, Kanata



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See above link for CTV news segment.

To mark the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI, students of the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario participated in building trenches that resemble those used in the war.

Fr. John Whyte, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Secondary School, Hammond

Baby Jeremiah, born to Steve and Kate Norman in July 2018



Steve Norman, Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Simcoe
Kate Norman (currently on maternity leave), St. Michael's Catholic Secondary School, Stratford

Recently, I have rediscovered that the most beautiful and powerful prayers are often the everyday, unspoken ones we share with God in the quiet of our hearts. These prayers are so simple that it is usually impossible to reflect back and pinpoint where you were at the time. They are definitely not limited to the times we were on our knees in the chapel during Eucharistic Adoration or attending Mass.

Over a year ago, I turned to God in prayer and asked that I be blessed with a special relationship with my soon to be born grandchild. God could not have answered this prayer any more clearly. As an infant child, Ava Grace notices my shadow when I enter the house. I'm blessed to be on her radar. Ava follows my every move when I'm working outside at home and she is not a happy camper if she is not outside with me. In the summer months, we often went for three bike rides daily. It has become a family joke that Ava often wants to be with me more than her own parents!

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:7



Don Hall, St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, Hamilton

Thanks to Teresa, Maciej, Brenda, Deacon Shawn, Nuri, Judy, Lindsay, Fr. John, Steve and Kate, and Don for for their contributions.

The next one will be issued in Easter 2019.

Please consider submitting any good news, prayers, stories, reflections, or insights by April 12th, 2019 for the next Newsletter.

Send it to Lorenzo at cscovp@gmail.com

Include a photo or image.



Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Advent, a merry Christmas, and a happy New Year! Hope, peace, joy, and love to you!