



# York Catholic District School Board

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Last fall, York Catholic District School Board delayed the implementation of the revised Health and Physical Education curriculum until resources for Catholic School boards could be developed. The Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) and the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO) were committed to developing Catholic resources to assist teachers and school administrators in Catholic Schools.

We are very pleased to inform you that these Catholic resources are ready for use in our schools. The ACBO and ICE resources offer Catholic centered tools to inform the implementation of the Human Development and Sexual Health strand of the revised Health and Physical Education curriculum. The expectation of the ACBO continues to be that our Catholic schools present the topics within this strand of the Health and Physical Education curriculum within the Religion and Family Life Curricula, in a way that is faithful to our Catholic teachings.

If you have questions or concerns about how these topics will be addressed at a particular grade level, please contact school staff for further clarification. In keeping with our belief that parents/guardians are the primary teachers of their children, each unit of the Family Life curriculum contains a parent letter to provide information about the topics. In addition, information and samples of classroom materials may be found on the Institute for Catholic Education website: [www.iceont.ca](http://www.iceont.ca).

Yours in Catholic Education,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Patricia Preston'.

Patricia Preston,  
Director of Education