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**TITLE:** ISSUES IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN ONTARIO    **TERM:** Winter **YEAR:** 2010

**PROFESSOR:** Dr. Robert T. Dixon

**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO \_\_\_\_\_ UNLIMITED x \_\_\_\_\_

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course provides an historical analysis of the evolution of Catholic, public and French-language elementary and secondary schools in Ontario, from the 1830's to the present. The analysis will include an examination of the role of the Catholic teacher and curriculum and of landmark court cases effecting Catholic schools in Ontario. In addition students will study the development of Catholic colleges and universities and the emergence of catechetical education both in the parishes and in formal educational settings.

### **CLASS OBJECTIVES:**

#### **Overall Objective**

To explore the history of the Catholic school system in Ontario and to examine current issues in Catholic education.

#### **Specific Objectives and Outcomes**

- To understand and appreciate the sacrifices made by Catholics for the survival of the separate school system,
- To understand the role of the Catholic Bishops, trustees, teachers, and other leaders in maintaining and advancing separate school rights
- To understand the evolution of separate school legislation and the legal and constitutional rights of separate school boards
- To examine the historical and current role of the Catholic teacher in Church teaching, practice and law
- To distinguish between the curriculum of a public school and that of a separate school
- To examine the struggle for extension (completion) of the separate school system
- To understand and appreciate the struggle for financial equality with the public school system
- To understand and appreciate conflict over and progress towards legally constituted French-language Catholic schools and school boards

### **PREREQUISITES:**

None

### **REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Robert T. Dixon. *Catholic Education and Politics in Ontario*. Toronto: Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario, 2003.

Dr. Robert Dixon and Dr. Mark G. McGowan, ed., *Partners in Faith: Readings in the History of Catholic Education in Ontario*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Toronto: Canadian Scholars' Press, 2004

### **POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:**

Participate in class discussions on the readings assigned for each class

Engage in a debate on the open access provision in connection with Catholic high schools

Compose two book reports no more than 5 pages, double-spaced, font size 12.

Write an essay between 11 and 13 pages, double-spaced, font size 12. Include a bibliography where appropriate.

The essay will be on **one** of the following:

- A description of what makes a specific separate elementary or secondary school uniquely Catholic. The essay writer will select the school.
- The development of a detailed unit of study with Catholic values and content infused.
- History of a separate school.
- A topic developed from the bibliography and/or the optional readings in each unit.
- A topic selected by the student and approved by the instructor.

Write a 1-page reflection on how your knowledge and attitudes acquired from this course have contributed to your personal and professional developments

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