# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM CALENDAR

**GRADE 7- 2015-2016**

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<th>Month</th>
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| **September** | **Unit 1 I ... We** | **Theme One Created and Loved by God** *(Send home Theme One Family Letter)* | **Prayer Table**  
**Green Tablecloth** *(Ordinary Time – May 25- November 28)*  
* Suggested Scheduling for Religious Education = 4 lessons per week for 30 minutes  
** Suggested Scheduling for Family Life = 1 lesson per week for 30 minutes OR 1 full week a month  
**Begin Fully Alive **AFTER** Curriculum Night and **AFTER** Theme One Family Letters are sent home  
For information regarding Confirmation please see “Notes” section at the bottom of this calendar |
| **October** | **Unit 2 We Believe in God** | **Theme One * Created and Loved by God** | **Prayer Table**  
**Green Tablecloth**  
Holy Guardian Angels – October 2\(^{nd}\), 2015  
Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary - October 7\(^{th}\), 2015  
Thanksgiving – October 12\(^{th}\), 2015  
World Food Day – October 16\(^{th}\), 2015  
World Mission Sunday – October 18, 2015  
* Remember to include two Religion and one Family Life comment on the report card  
* If you have not done so, please copy and distribute the Fully Alive, Theme One Family Letter in your manual |
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<td>We Believe in God, the Father Almighty</td>
<td>Purple Tablecloth (until Nov. 28) Purple Tablecloth (Nov. 29 - Dec. 29)</td>
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<td>7 *</td>
<td>We Believe in Jesus... who was Conceived by the Holy Spirit and Born of the Virgin Mary</td>
<td>White Tablecloth (Dec. 25 - Jan. 10) White Tablecloth (Jan. 11 - Feb. 9)</td>
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<td><strong>December</strong></td>
<td>5</td>
<td>We Believe in Jesus Christ, His Only Son</td>
<td>Purple Tablecloth (Nov. 29 - Dec. 29)</td>
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<td>6 - (6-1)</td>
<td>We Believe in... Jesus Our Lord</td>
<td>Green Tablecloth (Dec. 25 - Jan. 10)</td>
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<td><strong>January</strong></td>
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<td>We Believe in Jesus Our Lord</td>
<td>Green Tablecloth (Jan. 12 - Feb. 9)</td>
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**Theme Two**

- Living in Relationship

*(Send home Theme Two Family Letter)*

**Prayer Table**

- Green Tablecloth (until Nov. 28)
- Purple Tablecloth (Nov. 29 - Dec. 29)
- White Tablecloth (Dec. 25 - Jan. 10)
- Green Tablecloth (Jan. 11 - Feb. 9)

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**Family Life Program Overview**

- **November**
  - **Unit 3**
    - We Believe in God, the Father Almighty
  - **Theme Two**
    - Living in Relationship
  - (Send home Theme Two Family Letter)

- **December**
  - **Unit 7**
    - We Believe in Jesus... who was Conceived by the Holy Spirit and Born of the Virgin Mary
  - **Theme Two**
    - Living in Relationship

- **January**
  - **Unit 5**
    - We Believe in Jesus Christ, His Only Son
  - **Unit 6 - (6-1)**
    - We Believe in... Jesus Our Lord

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**Prayer Table**

- Green Tablecloth (until Nov. 28)
- Purple Tablecloth (Nov. 29 - Dec. 29)
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- Green Tablecloth (Jan. 12 - Feb. 9)

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**Remembrance Day**

- November 11th, 2015

**All Saints**

- November 1st, 2015

**All Souls**

- November 2nd, 2015

**The Feast of Christ the King**

- November 22nd, 2015

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

- December 8th, 2015

**Christmas**

- December 25th, 2015

*FOR ADVENT ACTIVITIES, PLEASE SEE APPENDIX 4: Advent Supplement (In the Teacher's Resource)*

Since each Grade program provides a different focus for Advent by incorporating various activities, it is important to continue to follow the program rather than replace it with other Advent activities.

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**Baptism of the Lord**

- January 10th, 2015

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

- Jan. 18th - 25th

- Resources (poster and suggested activities) are available from www.Novalis.ca

*The “AIDS: A Catholic Educational Approach to HIV” resource may be found in a white binder in your school's library or central resource storage. If you are unable to locate a copy in your school, your principal can order one through the Institute of Catholic Education (www.iceont.ca).

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**Please Note:**

- Please read each lesson's introductory comments carefully as they contain pertinent advice and cautions about this material. Teach only the material that is intended for your particular grade.
- It is not recommended that you use any additional resources - videos, books, guest speakers etc. during the Fully Alive Theme Three or HIV/AIDS lessons taught this term.
- If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your Religious Ed./Family Life Resource teacher – see “Notes” section below for contact information.
Please Note for Lenten Activities:

It is recommended that Grade 7 teachers ask their Grade 8 colleagues to share the Lent/Easter Pentecost Appendix at the back of the Grade 8 Teacher Manual.

- See Grade 8 Teacher's Manual - Appendix 6 p.309

### Theme Three

**Created Sexual:**
Male and Female

**AIDS: A Catholic Educational Approach to HIV**
(3 lessons to be taught IMMEDIATELY AFTER Fully Alive Theme Three)

Supplemental Resources to Support Grade 7 Family Life **

** This resource may be used to provide additional support for your Family Life program. Please see [www.carfleo.org](http://www.carfleo.org) or [www.catholiccurriculumcorp.org](http://www.catholiccurriculumcorp.org) to download a copy

Quick Reminders for Lent:

- Alleluia is not sung to reflect the tone of the season
- The 3 Pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving
- You may choose to consider a celebration of Reconciliation during the second half of Lent

### Prayer Table

**Green Tablecloth** (until Feb. 9)

**Purple Tablecloth** (Feb. 10 - Mar. 23)

Ash Wednesday – February 10th, 2015
Lent begins on Ash Wednesday

* Please read January's “Things to Remember” section for notes regarding the “AIDS: A Catholic Educational Approach to HIV” curriculum

* It is understood that it will be the classroom teacher who teaches the Fully Alive Theme Three and the HIV/AIDS curriculum to her/his students

**PLEASE NOTE: FOR LENTEN & HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES - See Grade 8 Teacher’s Manual - Appendix 6 p.309**

### March

**Unit 8**

He Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was Crucified, Died and was Buried. He Descended to the Dead

**Unit 9 (9-1)**

(Begin during first week of Easter)
On the Third Day He Rose. He Ascended into Heaven

**PLEASE NOTE: The organization of themes is re-arranged slightly in order that Theme 9-1 coincides with Easter. Go back to Unit 8 following Easter week if it has not been completed.**

**Theme Four**

Growing in Commitment

(Send home Theme Four Family Letter)

World Day of Prayer – March 4th, 2016
Solemnity of St. Joseph – March 19th, 2016
Holy Thursday – March 24th, 2016
Good Friday – March 25th, 2016
Holy Saturday – March 26th, 2016
Easter Sunday – March 27th, 2016

**Easter Triduum** begins with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday to the Sunday celebration of Easter

**Easter** - The day of the Lord’s resurrection.
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<td>Unit 9</td>
<td>On the Third Day He Rose. He Ascended into Heaven</td>
<td>Theme Four</td>
<td>White Tablecloth (Mar. 27 - May 14)</td>
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<td>Feast of the Annunciation - April 4th, 2016</td>
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<td>Please note:</td>
<td>Alleluia is sung during the Easter Season and throughout Ordinary time</td>
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<td>Unit 4</td>
<td>We Believe in God...The Creator of Heaven and Earth</td>
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<td>Living in the World</td>
<td>Green Tablecloth (May 16 onwards)</td>
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<td>Catholic Education Week - May 1st – May 6th, 2016</td>
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<td>Mother's Day – May 8th, 2016</td>
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<td>Ascension of our Lord – May 8th, 2016</td>
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<td>Respect for Life Week – May 9th – May 13th, 2016</td>
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<td>Pentecost - May 15th, 2016</td>
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<td>Please note:</td>
<td>May is the Month dedicated to Mary by Catholics.</td>
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<td>June</td>
<td>Unit 10</td>
<td>He is Seated at the Right Hand of the Father. He will Come Again to Judge the Living and the Dead.</td>
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<td>Time for review and celebration!</td>
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Notes:

**Important information regarding Confirmation:**

Initial preparation for Confirmation for this year consists of the Grade 7 and 8 programs: "Believe in Me" and "Stand by Me".

Immediate preparation for Confirmation has not been scheduled on this calendar since it is understood to be offered by the parish according to the Archdiocese of Toronto. However, teachers may be asked to be involved in this process to varying degrees.
Schools that would like to book a **pre-Confirmation Retreat** are advised to book locations and facilitators early in the school year. It is never too early! *For assistance with this and other aspects of Confirmation Preparation, contact your Rel. Ed. Resource Teacher.*  
([http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/BoardServices/ReligionFamilyLife/PersonnelList/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/BoardServices/ReligionFamilyLife/PersonnelList/Pages/default.aspx))

**Believe in Me**

It is recommended that students be involved in planning and participating in celebrations, as well as a variety of other prayer forms which they can relate to program themes and liturgical seasons. Several ideas are found in the appendices at the back of the Teacher Manual.

Consider choosing with students a place in the classroom to serve as a Religious Education focal point where the Bible and Candle will have a place of honour at all times rather than be taken out and used only during prayer times. An ongoing Religious Education bulletin board, developed by students could reflect themes of the program and/or the Liturgical Year.

For important information on the overall content and approach of your program see the introduction at the beginning of your teacher’s manual, especially the Scope and Sequence chart.

* Suggested Scheduling for Religious Education = 4 lessons per week for 30 minutes

**Family Life**

Remember to distribute the family letters to parents/guardians **before** starting each Theme. Parents/guardians may be directed to the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario site ([http://acbo.on.ca/englishweb/fullyalive.htm](http://acbo.on.ca/englishweb/fullyalive.htm)) to find more information about the Fully Alive program and to view the online family letters.

**Before beginning to teach Theme Three - Created Sexual: Male and Female:** Make sure you read the introductory comments to each of the lessons carefully. You will find advice and cautions regarding the teaching of this material.

Please check [www.carfleo.org](http://www.carfleo.org) and the “Supplemental Resources to Support Grade 7-8 Family Life Programs” document found at [http://www.catholiccurriculumcorp.org/resources.asp?A=7#3004](http://www.catholiccurriculumcorp.org/resources.asp?A=7#3004) for additional support.

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