

Memo #30

Date: February 23 , 2017

To: Executive/Members

Re: **OECTA Scholarship & Fellowship Application Deadline; Canadian Forum on Theology and Education; Resources for Teachers on Anti-Racism and Islamophobia**

OECTA Scholarship & Fellowship Application Deadline

The deadline for submissions of applications for OECTA Scholarships and Fellowships is April 1, 2017.

Details about these awards can be found in the OECTA Handbook under By-laws 2.185 – 2.188 and Procedures 4.36 – 4.49.

Application forms can be found on the <http://www.catholicteachers.ca/> website in the “**For Your Benefit**” section. Copies of the application forms are also attached to this memo.

The April 1st deadline is firm and no applications submitted after that date will be considered by the Awards Committee.

Canadian Forum on Theology and Education

This year’s Canadian Forum on Theology and Education (www.cfotae.ca) will take place on March 31-April 1 in Oakville.

The independent conference began as far back as 1979, designed as an accessible, educational event that’s hosted many Catholic theologians and religious educators over the years. In 2017, the forum will be bringing Benedictine nun Teresa Forcades OSB from Catalonia, Spain to present on faith and freedom. Teresa was a student at Harvard Divinity School, a medical practitioner, feminist theologian, and fearless political commentator. Both the *BBC* and *Guardian* have described her as “the most dangerous” and “the most radical” nun in Europe. She’s also been described by her peers as a force of nature; brilliant, passionate and extraordinarily committed to the prophetic vision of Gospel justice and to Jesus the Christ.

A copy of the conference flyer is enclosed with further information, including registration details.

Resources for Teachers on Anti-Racism and Islamophobia

The Ministry has recently released resources regarding the issues of anti-racism and Islamophobia for teachers.

The following resources are available on the www.catholicteachers.ca website, under the ‘**For Your Classroom**’ section, and include:

- National Council of Canadian Muslims
 - Helping Students Deal with Trauma Related to Geopolitical Violence and Islamophobia
- Canadian Multifaith Federation
 - Multifaith Information Manual
- Learning at the Aga Khan Museum: A Curriculum Resource Guide for Teachers, Grades one to Eight
- Online modules developed by the Ontario Human Rights Commission
 - Policy on preventing discrimination based on creed
 - Human Rights 101 e-learning module
 - Teaching human rights in Ontario – a guide for Ontario schools
 - Canadian diversity – balancing competing human rights
- Canadian Race Relations Foundation
 - A catalog of resources related to race relations, the promotion of Canadian identity, sense of belonging and reciprocity of rights and responsibilities
 - A collection of Best Practice documents celebrating innovative approaches to promoting harmonious race relations
- The Centre for Urban Schooling (CUS)
 - Culturally Responsive and Relevant Pedagogy resource
- Harmony Movement
 - Offers customized school programs for students; training sessions for educators; full-day student conferences and assemblies/keynote presentations
- Capacity Building Series
- How do we know we’re making a difference?

**If you have any concerns, please contact the Unit office at 705-733-9625 or 1 800 558 4815
Thank you for sharing this information with OECTA members.**