

Opening Doors of Mercy

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Catholic Education week runs from **Sunday, May 1, to Friday, May 6, 2016.**

The theme for this year is ***Opening Doors of Mercy.***

A special message from CPCO Executive Director Paul Lacalamita:

“Catholic Education Week affords the Catholic School Principal/Vice-Principal a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate the sacred privileges and responsibilities of leadership in a faith community.

“As leaders in Catholic education, humility, openness, compassion, trust in others and a deep sense of service and dedication are but a few of the personal qualities we are called to model. As the gospel of Luke says: ‘The greatest among you should be like the youngest and the one who rules, like the one who serves.’

“Our call as Catholic leaders compels us to spend our time ensuring that the community of learners and practitioners entrusted in our care is rooted in Jesus Christ.”

***“The leadership that counts, in the end, is the kind that touches people differently.
It taps their emotions, appeals to their values, and responds to their connections with other people.”***

– Thomas Sergiovanni

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2016:

- Monday: **Mercy that Welcomes** (*Jesus and the Woman at the Well: John 4: 1-42*)
- Tuesday: **Mercy that Loves** (*The Good Samaritan: Luke 10:25-37*)
- Wednesday: **Mercy that Forgives** (*The Prodigal Son: Luke 15:11-32*)
- Thursday: **Mercy that Lives the Gospel** (*Zacchaeus: Luke 19:1-10*)
- Friday: **Mercy that Rejoices** (*Healing of the Paralytic: Luke 5: 17-26*)

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