

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** Greetings everyone

I hope the break was most restful and everyone is back safe and sound. With the coming of sunshine and warmth we might just be able to put winter behind us as we head into the final phase of our year.

With the coming federal election and the happenings on our own provincial front, I think it is incumbent on all of us to keep abreast of happenings in education in our immediate area and in jurisdictions in North America in general. I invite you to check into recent developments in Wisconsin where the state has dissolved unions in the public service areas. Take a look as well in other areas like New York where merit pay for teachers is in the news and how a proposed charter school in Calgary has merit pay as part of their proposal to government. The other current event is the Morinville situation and the stress being put on each layer of government to provide a secular education for kids in that area. Some of the comments on Catholic education and its role in society should not be taken lightly and we might consider making our private voices heard in whatever medium we wish to use in doing so.

As we move quickly into our staffing cycle for the new year, please make sure to take care of our temporary contract staff who are very worried about their status. Be mindful as well of those being considered for priority placement. These are very stressful matters for our peers as they go about giving superb service to the kids they care for.

Take care of each other, Sandy

## **ARE YOU PLANNING TO ATTEND CTS, ELAC, GEOEC OR HPEC?**

The Local office has 18 substitutes to give away for members planning to attend the upcoming Specialist Council Conferences according to the Collective Agreement 6.2b. Please email [jan.bossmmin@ecteachers.ca](mailto:jan.bossmmin@ecteachers.ca) to secure a substitute for one day for the CTS, ELAC, GEOEC or HPEC 2011 conferences only.

## **NEXT CSR MEETING - TUESDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>**

The fifth Council meeting for the year will take place on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Sandwiches will be available at 5:15pm. Please plan to attend.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN OF EDMONTON CATHOLIC TEACHERS**

If your child is graduating from grade 12 and enrolling at a post secondary institution in the fall, he or she may wish to apply for one of the Local's 5 scholarships. The forms are being sent to each high school counselor this week. If you teach for our District and your child attends another high school, please visit our website to download the forms:

[www.local54.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.local54.teachers.ab.ca)

## **FAITH, FITNESS & FUN RUN**

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Faith, Fitness & Fun 5K Run/Walk & 10K Run in support of St. Joseph Seminary & Newman Theological College is planned for April 30, 2011. Early Registration is appreciated.

Registration includes t-shirt, hospitality, prizes & fun! To register, volunteer or for more info call 780-469-1010 ext 2260, email [events@caedm.ca](mailto:events@caedm.ca) or visit [www.runnningroom.com](http://www.runnningroom.com)

## **2011 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT MASS AND RECEPTION**

This year the Teachers' Retirement Mass and Reception, chaired by Denis Gauthier (Holy Trinity High School) will be taking place on **Thursday, May 26, 2011**. The Mass will be offered at St. Agnes Church and the dinner will be at St. Basil Ukrainian Cultural Centre. Updates will be published regularly in the Intercom. Tickets for this event will go on sale at the Local office on May 2.

## **DID YOUR SCHOOL BECOME A BOTTLE FREE ZONE?**

Our Social Justice Committee, co-chaired by Ann McFarlane and Gail Frost, suggested that, during Lent, schools commit to creating bottled water free zones. How is your school faring?

## **Meetings & Events**

### **Monday, April 11, 2011**

Teachers' Retirement  
Reception Committee Mtg.,  
4:15pm, Room 402, Barnett  
House

### **Tuesday, April 12, 2011**

ARA Committee Resolution  
Dinner Mtg., 4:30 – 7pm,  
Boardroom, Barnett House

### **Friday (eve) – Saturday, April 15-16, 2011**

Spring PDAC, Barnett House

### **Tuesday, April 19, 2011**

Council Meeting #5, 6pm,  
Auditorium, Barnett House

### **Wednesday, April 20, 2011**

PD New Teacher Mentorship  
dinner mtg., 4:30pm,  
Auditorium, Barnett House

### **Friday, April 22, 2011**

Good Friday-Local office closed

### **Monday, April 25, 2011**

Easter Monday Holiday-Local  
office closed

## **WEBSITE:**

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## **QUOTE OF THE DAY:**

"Accept that  
some days you're  
the pigeon, and  
some days you're  
the statue."