

# Canadian Catholic Financial Administrators Conference



Beginnings to Now

# A Good Looking Bunch of CCFAs, Guests, Speakers and Family



# Early Days

- ▶ Regional Meeting 1990s

- ▶ Western
- ▶ Ontario
- ▶ Quebec
- ▶ Atlantic



# Canada Starts to Come Together



# Vancouver - hosted by Calgary 2004



- ▶ A High Bar
  - ▶ \$75/night hotel
  - ▶ Getting to know people
  - ▶ Plan to meet annually

# St. John, NB - Kitchen Party 2005



- ▶ Another High Bar
  - ▶ \$75/night including food
  - ▶ Rural retreat centre
  - ▶ Lobsters - regional food
  - ▶ Fiddle music by Bishop Faber MacDonald



# What are we learning?

## ► Comparisons

- Do we like amenities at a price?
- Do we like spending less in a rural setting?
- Do we want to be in the city for sightseeing and spouses?
- Do we want a quiet retreat?

# What are we learning?

## ▶ Conference Proper

- ▶ We are in similar positions
- ▶ We motivate one another
- ▶ We are recharged by being together
- ▶ We don't have to reinvent the wheel
- ▶ Learning often happens on the bus, at meals and in round table



# Winnipeg - 2 dioceses and an eparchy 2006

- ▶ CCFA firms up
  - ▶ Normal hotel price
  - ▶ Natural disaster just before we arrive
  - ▶ Historic Locations
  - ▶ Too much good food



# Halifax 2007

Tourism day ahead  
Meal in a Parish  
University Dorms  
East and West



# Conference Location List

- ▶ Toronto 2008
- ▶ St. John's NL 2009
- ▶ Vancouver 2010
- ▶ Ottawa 2011
- ▶ Edmonton 2012
- ▶ Niagara Fall 2013
- ▶ Victoria 2014
- ▶ Gatineau 2015
- ▶ Regina 2016
- ▶ Sydney 2017
- ▶ Calgary/Banff 2018
- ▶ Sudbury 2019
- ▶ Grande Prairie 2023 !





What do we get out of it?

- Learning
- Networking
- Saving or making \$\$
- CPD points
- Not reinventing wheels
- Learn about our country
- Roundtable
- We are not alone



## What do we give to it?

Hosting  
Having your friends over  
^^^ CPD points  
Learning about your country  
Sharing what you know  
Helping Others



# ▶ A Giving Example

**LEARN**

## PRAYER

*The following prayer was given to all those who had the pleasure of attending the conference in St John, NB, hosted by Paul Daigle. Paul is now retired, and will be missed by all of us.*

**PRAYER BEFORE STARTING WORK**

**MY HEAVENLY FATHER; AS I ENTER THIS WORKPLACE  
I BRING YOUR PRESENCE WITH ME.  
I SPEAK YOUR PEACE, YOUR GRACE, YOUR MERCY,  
AND YOUR PERFECT ORDER INTO THIS OFFICE.  
I ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR POWER OVER ALL THAT WILL BE  
SPOKEN, THOUGHT, DECIDED, AND DONE WITHIN THESE WALLS.  
LORD, I THANK YOU FOR THE GIFTS YOU HAVE BLESSED ME WITH.  
I COMMIT TO USING THEM RESPONSIBLY IN YOUR HONOUR:  
GIVE ME A FRESH SUPPLY OF STRENGTH TO DO MY JOB.  
ANOINT MY PROJECTS, IDEAS, AND ENERGY,  
SO THAT EVEN MY SMALLEST ACCOMPLISHMENT  
MAY BRING YOU GLORY.  
LORD, WHEN I AM CONFUSED, GUIDE ME.  
WHEN I AM WEARY, ENERGIZE ME. WHEN I AM  
BURNED OUT, INFUSE ME WITH THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.  
MAY THE WORK THAT I DO AND THE WAY I DO IT BRING  
FAITH, JOY, AND A SMILE TO ALL THAT I COME IN  
CONTACT WITH TODAY. AND LORD, WHEN I LEAVE  
THIS PLACE, GIVE ME TRAVELING MERCY.  
BLESS MY FAMILY AND HOME TO BE IN ORDER AS I LEFT IT.  
LORD, I THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE,  
EVERYTHING YOU'RE DOING, AND EVERYTHING  
YOU'RE GOING TO DO. IN THE NAME OF JESUS  
I PRAY, WITH MUCH LOVE AND THANKSGIVING.  
AMEN.**

**PRAY**

**CONNECT**

# Regular Presentations

- ▶ Buildings
- ▶ Fundraising
- ▶ Investments
- ▶ Database
- ▶ Insurance
  - ▶ Risk
  - ▶ Trends
- ▶ Canada Revenue Agency
- ▶ Canon Law
- ▶ Mental Health
- ▶ Motivational Speaker
- ▶ Round Table
- ▶ An Unusual Thing Happened

# Eye opening moments

- ▶ Bishop CEO EI
- ▶ HST restatement
- ▶ Overseas charity work
- ▶ Priests' Stipends
- ▶ Complete list of Assets in the Diocese
- ▶ Limits on Approval
- ▶ Financial Scandal



# Related Conferences

- ▶ Diocesan Fiscal Management
- ▶ Diocesan Information Systems Conference
- ▶ International Catholic Stewardship Council
- ▶ Canon Law

# Meals















# Cultural Events













# Networking







# More Networking



# Bringing Friends Together





# Things You Learn During the Conference



# Historic Features











# From Financial Administrator to Mayor of Gatineau







And here  
we are!



Now you can relax!



# Questions



THANK  
YOU