



Ottawa – The recent conference, *He Thirsts For You*, hosted by the Episcopal Commission for Evangelization and Catechesis (English Sector) of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) was a successful initiative. A comprehensive agenda featuring a one-person play by Elisa Lollino, keynote speakers Dr. Josephine Lombardi, Father Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I. and the Most Reverend William McGrattan, as well as a variety educational workshops, attracted over 200 participants to Ottawa for the two-day event held from 4 to 6 April 2019.

Recognizing more than a decade has passed following the last national conference on catechesis, hosted by the then National Office for Religious Education (NORE, now the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis), planning and organization for the 2019 conference began in 2016. The theme, *He Thirsts For You*, was inspired by the Gospel passage John 4:5-42 – the Samaritan Woman at the Well. The biblical account describes the experience of a woman who encounters Jesus and, as a result of this transformative meeting, embarks on a journey of evangelization to bear witness about her experience to the people in her village.



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