

400 secondary students to meet at King's for Catholic Student Leadership conference

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King's will welcome more than 400 secondary students from across Ontario at the 9th annual Carpe Diem Catholic Student Leadership conference from May 30 – 31, 2013. Students will participate in 12 workshops including global citizenship, fair trade, guided meditation and spirituality, Taize prayer, gender equality and charitable work for groups such as Habitat for Humanity.

Marina Nemat, author of international bestselling memoir, *Prisoner of Tehran*, will present a keynote address on Thursday May 30 & Friday May 31 at 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., Labatt Hall, 266 Epworth Ave, London. Nemat teaches memoir writing, in Farsi and English, at the School of Continuing Studies at University of Toronto, and she writes book reviews for the *Globe and Mail*.

"These young people are recognized by their schools for being Catholic leaders in their communities. This is a great opportunity for them to meet new friends, celebrate their faith and go back out into their communities to make a difference," says Marilyn Mason, Registrar at King's. "Of course, we'd love to see them return here in a few years as students!"

The event is organized and sponsored by King's for selected students in grades 10-12. The conference events begin on May 30th at 9 a.m. with a morning prayer led by King's Chaplain Michael Bechard, followed by the workshops and a BBQ lunch.

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