

The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education

MISSION

Strengthen Our Collective Voice

Through our connection to home, school and church, OAPCE collaborates with local and provincial education partners to strengthen the parent voice.

VISION

OAPCE is the voice of parents that promotes and protects publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario.

WHO WE ARE?

Founded in 1939, OAPCE consists of a volunteer Board of Directors representing 24 different regions across Ontario. We are a vital connection between the Ministry of Education, Catholic District School Boards in Ontario, the Institute of Catholic Education, Ontario Catholic Trustees, Parish, Regional Parent's Associations, School Councils and other valuable parent groups. We are a prominent advocate for Catholic education excellence, and student success.

We have representatives on many Ministry of Education's initiatives and Working Tables such as Curriculum Review, Student Achievement Division, Minister's Partnership Table, EQAO's Assessment Review Committee, Healthy Schools, and others.

We are an equal partner on the Institute of Catholic Education (ICE) Board of Directors, Curriculum Review and Symposium Planning Committees.

We work with *Free the Children* to spread the good news for opportunities to work with various social justice initiatives.

We provide a parent perspective to the provincial media including the *Catholic Register* and *Salt and Light TV*.

We invite parents in Catholic education all across Ontario to participate in our Annual Conference which consists of keynote speakers, celebrations of our faith and workshops related to parenting, navigating and enhancing our education system and supporting student achievement in Ontario.

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ENGAGE. ADVOCATE.
ENHANCE.

OAPCE is a voice for parents that helps to protect and promote publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario

The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (**OAPCE**) is the only Catholic association recognized by the Ministry of Education and the Institute for Catholic Education as representing the parents/guardians of children in the publicly funded system of Catholic education.

Our mandate is to assist with the education and training for parents regarding school council operations, increasing parental involvement, improving student and school performance, and other matters related to the Catholic education system. We advocate for the highest quality of education for each child according to his or her physical, mental, social and spiritual needs by working with the Ministry of Education and other partners in forums, workshops, and/or working groups.



Why do we need to have an OAPCE Representative?



The Ontario Education Act, Regulation 612/00 states, “3. (1) A school council for a school shall be composed of the following people ... 8. One person appointed by an association that is a member of the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations, the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education or Parent Partenaires en Education, if the association that is a member of the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations, the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education or Parent Partenaires en Education is established in respect of the school.”

OAPCE Representative Role

- ❖ Parent member on School Council
- ❖ **Be a point of contact for information sharing between OAPCE and School Council**

Please advise OAPCE by email at oapce@oapce.on.ca who is the OAPCE Liaison Representative for your school!

2018
Catholic Education Matters:
Renewing the Promise
November 24
St. Francis of Xavier
Mississauga, ON
Keynote Speaker:
Teresa Hartnett



2019
80th Anniversary
April 5, 6
Toronto

“Celebrate OAPCE 80...”
Mass Led by
His Eminence Cardinal Collins

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