



OAPCE UPDATE – March 2009

“Journey to the 70th”

To: Directors of Education, Regional/Board School Council Chairs, School Council Chairs,
OAPCE Liaison Representatives

What's happening at OAPCE?

- *Governance Review – Submission made to the Ministry of Education Governance Review Committee – February 2009. Please refer to our website to download a copy of the Consultation paper.*
- *Curriculum Review of French as a second language (FSL) – Preparing a submission to the Ministry of Education Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch. Call for regional input from our Catholic School Board members was made. Submit your input by emailing oapce@oapce.on.ca by April 10th. Please refer to our website for further details. Also Daniel Barrett, Director attended one of the regional FSL sessions on behalf of OAPCE.*
- *The final Regional Forum leading to the May Conference and 70th Annual General Meeting is being held in Thunder Bay, April 4th, 2009. See the website for further information. www.oapce.on.ca, Two successful Regional Forums to launch the 70th Anniversary of OAPCE happened in Kingston on October 25th, 2008 and most recently in Brampton on January 30th, 2009. See our website for information and pictures of both events.*
- *OEFTA Annual Conference 2009 – Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association held their Annual Conference March 2009 in Toronto. OAPCE President represented the Association at the Annual Awards Dinner. Congratulations is extended to all the award recipients and best wishes to Elaine McNeil who will be leaving the presidency effective July 2009.*
- *Representation to the National Conference on Catholic Education – Faith Meets Pedagogy – L.A. Religious Education Conference just to name a few. Information on these can be obtained by emailing oapce@oapce.on.ca*
- *Communication Committee is revamping the traditional newsletter continuing with going Green...with e-blasts or electronic newsletters almost monthly. All school council chairs and members of all Catholic school boards are encouraged to log on to the website and*



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provide their email address. Or contact our office at oapce@oapce.on.ca (we do not share our email list with anyone – nor do bulk emails list every recipient)

- *Strategic Plan – The OAPCE Board of Directors updated the strategic plan presented at the 69th AGM in preparation for the 70th AGM. A copy of the Strategic Plan will be on the members' only intranet site to be launched May 2009.*
- *Dr. Ash section on the OAPCE website provides parents with resources on a variety of educational topics. Watch for updates through OAPCE e-blasts.*
- *Bishop Fred Colli – Liaison Bishop for the OCCB joined the Board of Directors at their January meeting to dialogue and facilitate communication and supports between our two organizations.*
- *EQAO – Participation as facilitator at the 2009 EQAO Symposium for School Board Communications Contacts – Outreach. A follow-up to this session will be a briefing to the OAPCE Board of Directors at the May Board meeting by Marie Parsons, Chief Assessment Officer – EQAO. Further consultation will take place with OAPCE members following the briefing.*
- *Focus Group School Design and Construction – MOE – OAPCE will be represented at this focus group in April 2009 amongst all Ontario's education partners. Further details to follow.*
- *Ministry of Education Curriculum Review Feedback Consultations Health & Phys Ed – OAPCE to be represented at the Thunder Bay Regional Session – April 2009*
- *Provincial Budget 2009 – OAPCE responds to the Budget in the Catholic Register – see the latest edition of the Catholic Register.*
- *OAPCE commissioned Michelle Mucci-Kirley of PVNC Catholic District School Board to compose Prayer for Catholic Education and Prayers of the Faithful for use in our parishes the weekend of the 70th Conference. Copies to be released in April via the OAPCE office.*
- *OAPCE Awards 2009 – information released via website www.oapce.on.ca. Deadline for nominations April 15th.*
- *70th AGM and Conference – May 22 23, 24 in Toronto – see the website for exciting updates on the Conference and Registration information. Or email oapce@oapce.on.ca*
- *Listen to the Anniversary Song – as commissioned by the Board of Directors in celebration of OAPCE 70th Anniversary – “One Family” – click on to our website www.oapce.on.ca to hear and view the song.*
- *Catholic Graduate Expectations – review being conducted by Institute for Catholic Education; we will be soliciting feedback via eblasts and at conference from parents.*

This is the second edition for OAPCE Updates to be issued by the Office of the President for OAPCE in conjunction with the OAPCE Communications Committee. Watch for the April edition coming the first week of May 2009. Your feedback is important and welcomed at oapcepresident@gmail.com.