

"We shall preserve and enhance the highest quality publicly funded English Catholic Education in Ontario, enabling all our children to become contributing members of the Church, School, Home and Society in accordance with God's Will."

What are benefits of being a member of OAPCE?

- Helping your parent community to be an "Engaged Parent Community"

Who are we?

We are the voice of parents and guardians whose children are enrolled in the Publicly Funded Catholic System of Education in the Province of Ontario since 1939.

Who are the OAPCE Board of Directors?

- OAPCE consists of a Board of Directors representing 24 different regions across Ontario

How can you find us?

- On the Internet – www.oapce.on.ca - constantly updated and changed to reflect the dynamics of education in Ontario. The website is a resource for information sharing, official responses to current topics, issues and media releases.
- Our Head Office is located in St. Rita Catholic School, Toronto and we have one paid part-time employee working for OAPCE. All other work is accomplished by the Board of Directors in their **volunteer hours**.

What do we do?

- OAPCE is the only provincial parent association representing parents in Catholic education here in Ontario
- As a result we have representatives on Ministry of Education's initiatives and working tables such as curriculum review, Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat and Learning to 18 - Student Success.
- OAPCE is an active member of the Minister's Partnership Table, of the EQAO's Assessment Review Committee, plus an active member within the College of Teachers for Ontario initiatives.
- We are an equal partner on the Institute of Catholic Education (ICE).
- Communicate on a regular basis with our Catholic education partners; OEETA, CPCO, OCSTA, etc. An Active member of the OCCB Fully Alive review.
- Working with Free the Children to spread the good news of a worthy cause for schools, and individuals to work with as a social justice initiative.
- Provide a parent in Catholic education perspective to the provincial media and also partner with the Catholic Register and Salt and Light TV.
- Provide parents in Catholic education all across Ontario the opportunity to attend an annual conference yearly which consists of keynote speakers, celebrations of our faith and workshops related to enhancing our system.

What is to come?

- Electronic newsletters – Going "Green". Our newsletters are going electronic and all one has to do to receive them is log on to the website and enter a valid email address.
- An active fundraising campaign under the umbrella of our Charitable Status – reaching out beyond as we prepare for the impact of "declining enrolment".
- 71st AGM and Conference – Sharing the Good News! - Niagara Falls – May 15, 2010.

**"Seventy years of enforcing the foundation of Catholic education in Ontario
– "home, school and parish" – One Family."
*"United in Faith we are stronger"***