

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

## *Happenings at OAPCE – from the desk of the President...*

### **April 2010 Update**

- ✚ Ontario College of Teachers Meeting – Consultation on support for an AQ course entitled “Lesbian, Gay, Transgendered, Bi-Sexual and Queer(LGBTQ) students” – Toronto April 9<sup>th</sup>
- ✚ Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Council Conference – “We are Volunteers in Education” – April 10<sup>th</sup>
- ✚ Learning to 18/Student Success Working Table – EDU – April 13<sup>th</sup> – Reviewed current templates for school and board improvement plans.
- ✚ Durham Regional School Council Meeting – April 13<sup>th</sup> – Oshawa
- ✚ Kingston Parent Forum – April 14<sup>th</sup> – “The Brain and Gender Learning Differences”
- ✚ Eastern Ontario Catholic Curriculum Cooperative Annual Conference and Dinner – April 15<sup>th</sup> – Cornwall
- ✚ PIC Symposium – EDU – Toronto – April 16<sup>th</sup>
- ✚ From Rhetoric to Reality: How Engaged Parents Close the Achievement Gap for Students –Thames Valley Public and London Catholic – Conference – April 24<sup>th</sup>
- ✚ CPCO Annual Meeting and Dinner – April 23<sup>rd</sup>– Windsor
- ✚ OCSTA Annual Meeting and Dinner – April 30– Thunder Bay



*"O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."*

**Why do we Catholics dedicate the month of May to Mary? By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. Since medieval times we have had some combination between Mary and the month of May. It wasn't until the late 18th century that special devotions to the Blessed Mother were organized for each day of the month. By the time of Pope Pius IX's declaration on the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854 it became a universal practice within the Church. Long held parish practices of a May crowning, daily recitation of the rosary, attendance at special Marian Feast Day Masses: May 13th - Our Lady of Fatima; May 15th - Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles (Saturday, after Ascension Thursday); May 24th - Mary, Help of all Christians; and May 31st - The Visitation; along with a devotion to Marian Novenas like the Miraculous Medal, and other prayers and litanies dedicated to Mary can mark our time to honor the Mother of Christ as our mother. This year, make the month of May a time to entrust into the care of Mary's heart all Christian mothers, and the children who will receive their First Holy Communion. –CAMM Newsletter**