

The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education



Who are we?

- The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) is the voice of parents and guardians of children enrolled in the publicly funded English Catholic System of Education in the Province of Ontario since 1939.
- OAPCE is the only Catholic parent association recognized by the Ministry of Education and is mandated through the Education Act in Regulation 612 School Councils. OAPCE provides a voice for parents who share a common goal in supporting the continuation and preservation of publicly funded Catholic Education in the province.
- Our central mandate is to share information with parents, to have them better informed of local school boards and Ministry of Education policies. As advocates for Catholic Education, by providing proper information and resources for parents, we support them to help their children succeed in school, and if all our children succeed, then Catholic Education succeeds. ENGAGE. ADVOCATE. ENHANCE.

Why be a member of OAPCE?

- We are the only Ministry of Education recognized organization that advocates for protection and promotion of Catholic Education in Ontario.
- OAPCE elevates the profile of a publicly funded Catholic system of education by providing opportunities for ongoing information sharing, resources, learning, networking and community building.

What do we do?

- We have representatives on many Ministry of Education's initiatives and working tables such as Curriculum Review, Student Achievement Division, Healthy Schools, the Minister's Partnership Table, and the EQAO's Assessment Review Committee
- We are an equal partner on the Institute of Catholic Education (ICE) Board of Directors, Curriculum Review.
- Our Catholic education partners include; Bishops (ACBO), Principals (CPCO), Trustees (OCSTA), Teachers (OECTA) etc.
- 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.
- The Board of Directors accomplishes all work in their volunteer hours.

How do we represent the voice of parents? The OAPCE Representatives:

- As per Section 612 of the Education Act, every local parent school council is required to have an OAPCE representative. This position must be held by a Roman Catholic parent or guardian of a child currently in a Catholic District School Board. This position is an additional voting parent member position to the usual School Council membership and the purpose is to provide contact between the school council, the regional council and the provincial Association. These OAPCE Liaison Representatives will sit as part of a Regional Council and become the conduit to share parents views and concerns with the OAPCE.

How can you find us?

- Website - www.oapce.org - constantly updated and changed to reflect the dynamics of education in Ontario.
- On Facebook and Twitter - <https://www.facebook.com/oapceontario>, @OAPCEOntario
- Our Head Office Phone: (877) 828-2081
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