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Journey Into Lent

As we enter the month of April, we are blessed to celebrate the joyous season of Easter. This sacred time invites us to reflect on the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and the profound hope and renewal it brings to our lives.

Easter is a season of new beginnings, a time to rejoice in the triumph of life over death and light over darkness. It reminds us of God's infinite love and the promise of eternal life. Let us embrace this season with hearts full of gratitude and joy, sharing the good news of Christ's resurrection with our families, friends, and neighbors.

In this edition of our newsletter, we will share inspiring stories, upcoming events, and valuable resources to help you and your family grow in faith and unity. We hope you find joy and inspiration in these pages as we journey through this beautiful season together.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Easter!



ENGAGE

OAPCE 86TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

✨ Exclusive Hotel Offer: We've partnered with the Old Stone Inn to provide free parking and a special discount for conference attendees. To book your stay, call +1 (905) 357-1234 and provide the booking ID "137575" to reserve your room.

OAPCE 86TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"COMING TOGETHER AS ONE"

MAY 24, 2025

† LOCATION: SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, NIAGARA FALLS, ON

📍 ADDRESS: 8699 MCLEOD RD, NIAGARA FALLS, ON L2E 6S5



In Partnership With:



- CONFERENCE & MASS 9-4
- RESOURCE EXHIBITOR FAIR

OUR INSPIRING SPEAKERS:



JOE FERRI
OAPCE Co-Executive Director

Presentation:
"The Power of One"



TERESA HARTNETT
Director Family Ministry
Office Diocese of Hamilton

Presentation:
"Pilgrims of Hope
Live in Families"



ANTHONY PERROTTA
Educator, Storyteller &
Digital Learning Advocate

Presentation:
"AI in Education"

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Conference Presentations & Speaker Lineup

Join us at the OAPCE 86th Annual Conference 2025 for an enriching day filled with insightful presentations, engaging discussions, and faith-filled inspiration. This year's theme centers on strengthening the partnership between parents, educators, and the Catholic community.

 **Date: Saturday, May 24, 2025**

 **Location: Saint Michael Catholic High School**

 **Address: 8699 McLeod Rd, Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6S5**

 **In Partnership With: Niagara Catholic District School Board**

 **Sponsors: Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee**

Why Become an Exhibitor?

- ✓ **Targeted Exposure** – Reach engaged and motivated attendees
- ✓ **Brand Visibility** – Showcase your offerings in a trusted community space
- ✓ **Networking Opportunities** – Build relationships and grow your network
- ✓ **Market Insight** – Understand what matters to Catholic families today

Booth Package – Only \$100

- ✓ **1 Resource Table**
- ✓ **Prominent placement in the exhibitor area**
- ✓ **Recognition in event materials**

 **Spots are limited! Reserve your booth today and be part of something impactful.**

Three powerful sessions:

Joe Perri “The Power Of One”

Teresa Hartnett “Pilgrims of Hope Live in Families!”

Anthony Perrotta “AI in Education: Guiding the Next Generation of Learners”

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Upcoming regional meetings

All regions, including Halton, Hamilton, Niagara, Nipissing, and Simcoe Muskoka, will meet on Wednesday, April 23, 2025. Toronto will hold a virtual meeting on April 30, 2025, and Dufferin-Peel will meet in person at the CEC on Thursday, May 1, 2025. Agenda to follow.

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ADVOCATE

Welcoming the new Minister of Education, Honorable Paul Calandra!

The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) are pleased to extend best wishes and congratulations to the new Minister of Education, Honorable Paul Calandra.

OAPCE is excited about the opportunity to work alongside the new Minister's office in advancing educational policies that will have a lasting positive impact on students, families, and educators across the country. well-rounded education for all students.



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ENHANCE

OAPCE Survey

🔴 Last Chance!

The OAPCE Parent Survey closes on Thursday, April 17, 2025! This is your final opportunity to share your voice and help shape the future of Catholic education in Ontario.

✅ Your input matters—take a few minutes to complete the survey today!

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How Catholic Education Supports Faith Formation in Children †

Catholic education offers more than academics—it nurtures a strong foundation of faith, moral values, and community. Through religious education, daily prayer, and acts of service, children grow in their relationship with God and learn to live out Gospel values.

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FAITH RESOURCES

St. Catherine of Siena

Catherine of Siena is known for her writings on mysticism and spiritual guidance, as well as her efforts to promote Church unity in the fourteenth century. We celebrate the feast of St. Catherine of Siena on April 29, the anniversary of her death.



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FAITH RESOURCES

Lenten Activities for Families

Looking to make Lent more meaningful at home? Simple family activities like daily prayer, screen-free time, shared simple meals, and acts of kindness can help deepen faith and connection. Try a prayer jar, a charity jar, or volunteer together—small actions that make a big impact this Lenten season. ❤️🙏



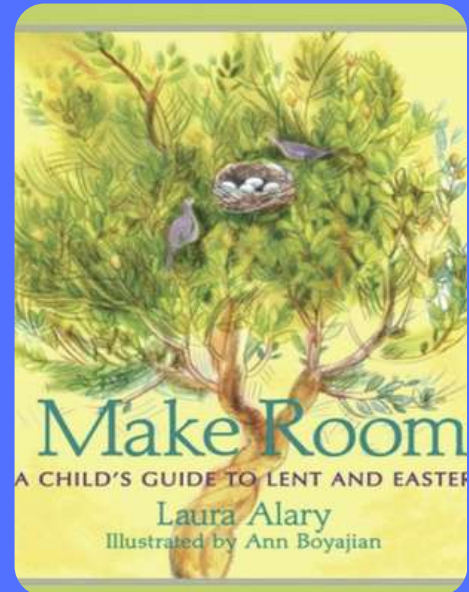
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OAPCE BOOK NOOK

"A Child's Guide to Lent and Easter" by Laura Alary, is a beautifully illustrated book that invites children to explore Lent through activities like cleaning, baking, and sharing. It fosters acts of justice and kindness, broadening understanding of Lent as preparation for Easter.

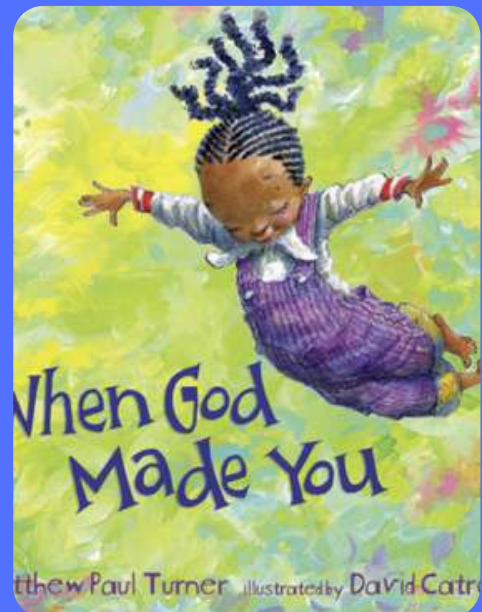
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"When God Made You" by Matthew Paul Turner is a beautifully illustrated children's book that celebrates the uniqueness and individuality of every child. The story emphasizes that each person is created with a purpose and is loved deeply by God. Through rhythmic and poetic language, the book conveys the message that every child is special, valuable, and has a unique role in the world. It's a wonderful read for children and parents, encouraging self-acceptance and appreciation of one's own gifts.

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God, give us eyes to see the beauty of the Spring and to behold Your majesty in every living thing. And may we see in lacy leaves and every budding flower the Hand that rules the universe, with gentleness and power. And may this Easter grandeur, that Spring lavishly imparts, awaken faded flowers of faith lying dormant in our hearts. And give us ears to hear, dear God, the Springtime song of birds with messages more meaningful than mankind's often empty words, telling harried human beings who are sometimes lost in dark despair — 'Be like us and do not worry for God has you in His care.'

Amen.

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Your generous donations help us continue our mission to advocate for Catholic education and support parents in Ontario. Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference in enriching the educational experience for our children. Join us in making a positive impact!

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