



87TH OAPCE ANNUAL-2026 CONFERENCE

APRIL 18TH, 2026

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Guest speakers

GIANCARLO BROTTTO
LUCY COLANGELO

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Being a Genuine Shepherd in an AI World

Parents, caregivers, and Catholic school community members are warmly invited to attend the 87th Annual Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Conference, a full-day event focused on faith, leadership, and guiding our children in today's digital age.

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: St. Francis Xavier Secondary School

50 Bristol Road West, Mississauga, Ontario

(Hosted in partnership with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board)

Begin the Day with Faith

The conference will open with Mass, followed by a Resource Fair featuring Catholic organizations and community partners dedicated to supporting families, schools, and parent leadership.

Inspiring Speaker Lineup

This year's conference features engaging speakers who will explore how Catholic parents and educators can support children in an increasingly digital and AI-driven world:

- Giancarlo Brotto, Founder & CEO, Pave Education
- Raising AI-ready Catholic Kids
- Lucy Colangelo, Founder & CEO, ShineOn
- Helping Our Kids Reclaim Real Life in this Digital Age

Special Message:

- Most Reverend Bishop Ivan Mathuie, OAPCE Liaison Bishop

Why Attend?

- Strengthen your role as a Catholic parent and leader
- Gain practical strategies for navigating technology and AI with children
- Connect with parents from across Ontario
- Learn about valuable resources that support Catholic education
- Be inspired and renewed in faith

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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Giancarlo Brotto

Founder & CEO, Pave Education

Presentation: Raising AI-Ready Catholic Kids

As technology continues to evolve at a rapid pace, Catholic parents are called to guide their children with wisdom, faith, and confidence. Giancarlo Brotto brings deep expertise in education innovation and digital learning to help parents better understand the growing influence of artificial intelligence on their children's lives.



As the Founder and CEO of Pave Education, Giancarlo works at the intersection of education, technology, and leadership, supporting schools and families as they prepare students for the future while remaining rooted in strong values. His work emphasizes practical strategies that empower parents to engage meaningfully with technology rather than fear it.

In this timely session, Giancarlo will explore how parents can raise AI-ready Catholic children— young people who are technologically aware, ethically grounded, and spiritually formed. He will address key questions facing families today: How do we help children think critically about AI? How can Catholic values guide our response to innovation? And how can parents remain active partners in their children's digital formation?

Giancarlo's approach is thoughtful, accessible, and forward-looking, offering parents tools and insights they can apply immediately at home and in their school communities.

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Lucy Colangelo

Founder & CEO, ShineOn

Presentation: Helping Our Kids Reclaim Real Life in this Digital Age

In a world increasingly shaped by screens, social media, and constant connectivity, parents are seeking ways to help their children reconnect with real-life relationships, purpose, and well-being. Lucy Colangelo is a passionate advocate for helping families navigate the digital world with balance, intention, and hope.

As the Founder and CEO of ShineOn, Lucy has dedicated her work to empowering young people and families to build resilience, confidence, and authentic connections—both online and offline. She brings a compassionate, practical perspective that resonates deeply with parents and caregivers.

In this engaging session, Lucy will explore how families can help children reclaim real life in a digital age—fostering healthy habits, meaningful relationships, and emotional well-being while still engaging thoughtfully with technology. She will share practical strategies for setting boundaries, encouraging presence, and nurturing children’s sense of identity beyond screens.

Grounded in real-world experience and guided by values that honour the dignity of each child, Lucy’s message reassures parents that they are not alone—and that small, intentional choices can make a powerful difference in their children’s lives.



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- Curriculum-connected learning opportunities
- Passion for discovery, exploration, and curiosity
- Inspiring young minds through science and wonder

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As families and educators navigate today's rapidly changing world, Presswood remains a reliable partner—grounded in tradition, innovation, and service—supporting Catholic education through tools that inform, connect, and inspire.

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Through advocacy, leadership development, and collaboration, OCSTA supports governance that reflects Gospel values while responding thoughtfully to the evolving educational landscape.

Commitment to Catholic Education

- Provincial voice for publicly funded Catholic schools
- Advocacy grounded in faith, dignity, and student well-being
- Support for trustees and Catholic school board leadership
- Collaboration with parent organizations and community partners
- Stewardship of Catholic education for future generations

OCSTA is honoured to support the 87th OAPCE Annual Conference, standing alongside Catholic parents as we work together to guide, nurture, and advocate for children in an increasingly complex and digital world.

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