



# MARCH 2024 OAPCE NEWSLETTER

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## OAPCE 85

### A Celebration of Change, Commitment & Catholic Education.



Archbishop Francis Leo  
His Grace



K. Subban  
Keynote Speaker



Dr. A. Jamieson  
ICE Executive Director



J. Perri  
OAPCE Co-Executive Director



C. Bray  
Speaker & Musician

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:**  
Holy Mass Led By His Grace  
Archbishop Leo

**GUEST KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**  
Karl Subban

- \* Be **ENGAGED** by Karl Subban
- \* Learn to **ADVOCATE** with Joe Perri
- \* **ENHANCE** as parents with Anne Jamieson
- \* Be **INSPIRED** by Chris Bray music

We look forward to welcoming all parents from across the province to connect, learn, share experiences and do what OAPCE does best – bringing parents together from across the province in Catholic Education!

Don't miss out on our **Vendor & Exhibitor Marketplace**.

**\$35.00** CONFERENCE / **\$75.00** DINNER / **\$100.00** CONFERENCE & DINNER

**ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS  
IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

**APRIL 13th 2024**

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTER NOW!**



SCAN ME

- \* All Day Conference: Monsignor Percy Johnson  
Secondary School - Toronto **9am to 3pm**
- \* Holy mass led by Archbishop Leo - St. Benedict's Parish **3pm**
- \* Gala Dinner & Awards - Sandman Signature  
Toronto Airport Hotel **6pm**

**VISIT: OAPCE.ORG**



**ENGAGE**



**ADVOCATE**



**ENHANCE**

# REGISTRATION NOW OPEN TO EVERYONE!

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**The OAPCE Board of Directors are delighted to share information about your upcoming conference:**

- OAPCE 85: A Celebration of Change, Commitment & Catholic Education.
- Saturday, April 13, 2024, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.
- Monsignor Percy Johnson Secondary School, 2170 Kipling Ave, Etobicoke, On, M9W 4K9.
- Guest Keynote Speaker: Engage with Karl Subban, hockey dad of NHL players PK, Malcolm and Jordan Subban.
- Learn to Advocate with Joe Perri, OAPCE Co-Executive Director.
- Hear how parents can Enhance Catholic education by Institute of Catholic Education Executive Director Dr. Anne Jamieson.
- Be inspired by Catholic Speaker & Musician: Chris Bray.
- Holy Mass to follow at St. Benedict's Parish located next door to the school presided by His Grace, Archbishop Francis Leo, Diocese of Toronto Archbishop Leo at 3:00 pm.
- Gala Dinner & Awards to be held at Sandman Signature Toronto Airport Hotel at 6:00 pm at 55 Reading Court, Toronto, ON, M9W 7K7.

**REGISTER NOW HERE**

The first 100 registrants before March 15th, 2024 will receive a free signed copy of Karl Subban's book "How We Did It"

# FAITH MESSAGE

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**For a Multitude of Lent Resources  
please click on learn more below:**

**[Learn More](#)**



## **The Fast Life**

Fast from judging others;  
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.  
Fast from fear of illness;  
Feast on the healing power of God.  
Fast from words that pollute;  
Feast on speech that purifies.  
Fast from discontent;  
Feast on gratitude.  
Fast from anger;  
Feast on patience.  
Fast from pessimism;  
Feast on hope.  
Fast from negatives;  
Feast on encouragement.  
Fast from bitterness;  
Feast on forgiveness.  
Fast from self-concern;  
Feast on compassion.  
Fast from suspicion;  
Feast on truth.  
Fast from gossip;  
Feast on purposeful silence.  
Fast from problems that overwhelm;  
Feast on prayer that sustains.  
Fast from anxiety;  
Feast on faith.  
- Author Unknown



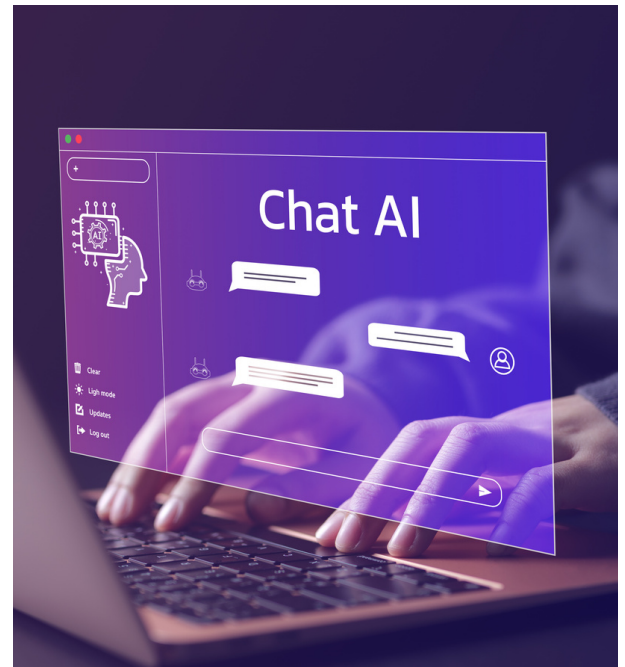
# ENGAGE

In February, OAPCE regional meetings featured a the an amazing presentation by Anthony Perrotta, Principal and Education Leader on:

## **A Parent's Insight: Exploring the Benefits and Drawbacks of ChatGPT and AI Technology**

This parent workshop explored the impact of ChatGPT and AI technologies in schools. Anthony went through the benefits, such as personalized learning and efficient assistance, while also addressing concerns like privacy, potential biases, and the need for responsible student use.

At all the regional meetings, after the presentation, there was a lively and insightful parent discussion of the current state of these tools and awareness was raised on where the technology is headed. There is a recap on all the Regional pages under Meeting Discussion notes as well take a look at the One pager that will help you with navigating AI/Char GPT.



[\*\*Learn More\*\*](#)

# ADVOCATE

Since 1939, the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) is a provincial not-for-profit organization working with a network of education partners and volunteer parent leaders to promote and protect Catholic Education, as well as actively support parent involvement at all levels. It is the longest standing parent organization in Catholic Education, the only one recognized by the Ministry of Education in Ontario.



[Read More](#)

Don't forget to take a moment and fill out our survey! The OAPCE Parent survey is still open! We value your input as we plan our focus areas for the upcoming year. Your responses will help us better understand the needs and concerns of parents in Catholic education in Ontario and guide our advocacy efforts accordingly. The Survey will close in April 2024!

[Read More](#)



## PARENT SPOTLIGHT: SPECIAL EDUCATION AND YOUR CHILD

Does your child have ADHD or a learning disability? The Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario has compiled a fantastic list of websites and online resources:

Click below to look for support to help your child thrive, both in the classroom and out:

[Read More](#)



# STEM FUN AT HOME

Looking for ideas on how to keep the kids off screens during these last few weeks of winter?

Check out the Ontario Science Centre DIY Science Fun page for inspiration on:

- things to make
- fun with food
- experiments
- puzzles & games
- outside activities

[Read More](#)



## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

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The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association has released its website resources for this years Catholic Education week, May 5 - 10, 2024

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# FAMILY AND FAITH ZONE

## Faith-based activities for March Break

March Break in Ontario is a time when families look forward to the possibility of a vacation to spend time in a warmer climate or just take a breather at home with a staycation. As Catholics, we are observing Lent and preparing for the blessings of Easter, and March Break is a great opportunity to continue to include faith as part of the week's activities.



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