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## ✨ Newsletter Highlights – February 2026

### Faith & Reflection

This month's faith message invites us to walk intentionally through Lent as families, prioritizing prayer, Scripture, and quiet moments in a busy world. Stories such as the *Pilgrimage of the Cross* in the Nipissing-Parry Sound CDSB remind us how students across Ontario continue to live their faith in tangible, meaningful ways.

### Engage

Registration is now open for the **87th Annual OAPCE Conference**, taking place on *April 18, 2026*, at St. Francis Xavier SS in Mississauga. This year's theme, **"Being a Genuine Shepherd in an AI World,"** features inspiring speakers including Giancarlo Brotto and Lucy Colangelo, as well as a special message from Bishop Yvan Mathieu.

### Advocate

OAPCE has issued a formal **Open Letter to Minister Paul Calandra**, reaffirming the importance of parent voice and structured representation within Catholic education across Ontario. Reps are encouraged to read and stay informed about this ongoing advocacy.

**Enhance**

Dr. Anne Jamieson's recent faith webinar, **"Leading in Hope,"** offered parents uplifting guidance as we continue the Lenten journey—reminding us that although the Jubilee Holy Door has closed, our mission as parents remains rooted in hope and discipleship.

**Parent & Partner Spotlight**

This month features key partners such as the **Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA)** and **Astronomy in Action**, both playing impactful roles in supporting Catholic education and enriching student learning across the province.

**Family & Faith Zone**

The newsletter highlights family-friendly Lenten activities—including a **free 40-Day Lent Guide for Kids**—as well as resources for Black History Month and a featured Saint of the Month: **St. Josephine Bakhita**.

Attached below you will find a copy of the February Newsletter. All previous newsletters can be found on the OAPCE website (oapce.org).

## Update from February 26th: My First CCCCPC Meeting

On **February 26th**, I had the opportunity to attend my first Dufferin-Peel's CCCSC (Central Committee for Catholic Schools), where a presentation to the committee was given, outlining:

- An overview of **OAPCE's mission and mandate**
- **Current provincial initiatives** and ongoing advocacy
- Information about the **upcoming OAPCE Conference**

## 🌿 Wishing You a Restful March Break

As March Break approaches, I want to extend my sincere appreciation for all you do in your roles as OAPCE representatives. Your dedication strengthens our school communities and enriches the partnership between home, school, and parish.

May March Break week bring you time to relax, recharge, and enjoy meaningful moments with your families.
Wishing you peace, joy, and a blessed continuation of the Lenten season.

Warm regards,
*Lucy Goncalves*