



Hello Parents in the Halton Catholic District School Board,

Welcome to the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Family as the OAPCE Liaison Representative for your school! As an OAPCE Liaison Rep, you will be playing a crucial role in the Catholic Education system of Ontario.

OAPCE is the voice of parents and guardians of children enrolled in the publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario. My role as OAPCE Director is to represent you and the HCDSB at the regional and provincial level of our organization. The OAPCE Board of Directors sit on working tables/committees with the Ministry of Education, our partner organizations such as the Institute for Catholic Education (ICE), members of EQAO assessment, and are the parent perspective to media, including *Catholic Register* and *Salt and Light TV*.

From these meetings and events, OAPCE receives up-to-date and timely information about the Catholic education system of Ontario. As Director, this information is then provided to you as OAPCE Liaison Reps to pass along to your school councils, as well as information on the operations and activities of OAPCE and upcoming education events. I may also request feedback on items such as curriculum reviews or Ministry initiatives where OAPCE is asked to provide comments on behalf of the parents in our system.

First steps to take in your role as an OAPCE representative:

- ❖ **Sign up for email updates from OAPCE (and share them with me):** Subscribe to OAPCE. OAPCE will email...not too many times...with really helpful updates, access to parent newsletters, and reminders. You can find the subscribe button **on the website oapce.org**.
- ❖ **Understand your role as an OAPCE rep:** a) Be a conduit of information and provide contact between your parent council and OAPCE; b) Attend your parent council meetings and provide updates from OAPCE; and c) Share success stories from your school or the region with OAPCE
- ❖ **Check out our OAPCE October Parents4Parents Press:** oapce.org/parents-4-parents/
- ❖ **Attend OAPCE events, webinars, and the annual conference:** This is a platform for all OAPCE representatives to come together to receive pertinent information regarding Catholic education and to connect with other parents in our region as well as across the province. **Our first Halton in-person meeting will be held on November 7, 2024.** Please check the Halton regional page on the website for the agenda and how to register.
- ❖ **Like our social media-**Like our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages so you are always up to date. Contact us if you have further questions.

We are happy to have you as part of the OAPCE family. Looking forward to meeting all of you!

Yours in Catholic Education,

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