



OAPCE Regional Report

Region: Niagara

Director: Jennifer Pilzecker

Date: Spring 2025

On March 6th, Director Pilzecker attended her first Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) meeting as an OAPCE Director. NCPIC allocated funding in support of parent involvement at the OAPCE conference on May 24th at Saint Michael's Catholic Secondary School in Niagara Falls.

Director Pilzecker attended the annual Bishop's Gala on March 27 at Club Roma as an involved parent within Niagara Catholic. The gala supported the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education.

On April 22, OAPCE Co-Executive Directors made a presentation about OAPCE, its history within the province, the Association's work in support of Catholic education and its provincial conferences. Director Pilzecker attended the Board meeting in support of OAPCE.

Director Pilzecker attended the OAPCE hosted All Reps Virtual Meeting which featured guest speaker **Joan Adegbie-Sanusi**, Financial Professional and Insurance Agent. Her presentation, *Financial Literacy 101*, offered practical advice on preparing for the future—highlighting topics such as life insurance, emergency savings, and thoughtful investment planning through a Catholic lens.

OAPCE presented some **early findings from the 2025 OAPCE Parent Survey**, along with visual graphs created from initial data analysis. While a full report will be released in the near future, preliminary insights affirm that families strongly value the Catholic foundation of their children's education. Parents also expressed a desire for more open communication, consistency in policy implementation, and continued opportunities to be active and informed partners in the educational journey.

[Provincial Updates to Bring Back to Parent Councils](#)

OAPCE Parent Survey remains open. Your input and the input of your parent communities matter! Thank you to all parents who filled out the survey.

OAPCE Welcomes the New Minister of Education: OAPCE is pleased to welcome and work alongside the [Honorable Paul Calandra](#).

OAPCE 86th Annual Conference on May 24, 2025, in Niagara Falls: Conference registration is now open! Join us at the OAPCE 86th Annual Conference 2025 for an enriching day filled with three powerful presentations, engaging discussions, and faith-filled inspiration. This year's theme centers on strengthening the partnership between parents, educators, and the Catholic community. **Registration is free for OAPCE representatives and \$30 for other attendees.** Funding to cover non-OAPCE representatives' registration fees is available through your child's school's Parent Council and Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee. Each Parent Council receives \$500 at the beginning of the school year to cover activities related to "parent involvement" with an additional \$500 available which includes OAPCE conference attendance. We ask that OAPCE representatives who register, do attend. Please [click to register](#).

Social Media

- Follow us on Instagram @OAPCE85 and don't forget to follow us on X @OAPCEONTARIO
- Follow our Facebook page OAPCE85!

We are posting more online and engaging in more ways with parents across the province!

The May Newsletter is now available!

Released just in time for Catholic Education Week. We encourage everyone to check their local school board's website for a full listing of activities and celebrations during this **Jubilee Year of Catholic Education**. [Click here to read](#)

Take a moment to listen to "**Pilgrims of Hope**", the official hymn of the Jubilee: [Watch here](#). This beautiful and reflective piece reminds us of our shared mission to walk forward in faith, together as a Catholic community.

**We pray for Pope Francis, who has fallen asleep in the peace of Christ.
May he rest in eternal peace.
1936 – 2025**

**"Let us look up to the heaven, let us remember the goal, let us think that we are called to eternity, to the encounter with God."
– *Pope Francis***

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Conference!

J. Pilzecker, OAPCE Niagara Director