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Faith, Hope & Remembrance

As October draws to a close, we look ahead with faith, hope and remembrance.

All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day invite us to celebrate holy lives and pray for loved ones.

Through prayer, kindness, the sacraments and service, we nurture our children's faith and strengthen home, school and parish.

"For we walk by faith, not by sight."
— 2 Corinthians 5:7

In faith and partnership,
OAPCE

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Join Our First Regional Meeting

For all OAPCE Liaison Representatives across Ontario — virtually!

Monday, November 16, 2026
7:00 p.m. Eastern · Online via Zoom
Zoom opens at 6:30 p.m.

Register for Zoom joining details by email.
View the meeting agenda below.

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Raising AI-Ready Kids: What Parents Can Do

Join Giancarlo Brotto for a practical 30-minute update on the changing world of AI and what it means for our children.

Explore simple steps parents can take to guide thoughtful, responsible AI use at home, discover helpful resources, and get a preview of the support and resources planned for the coming year.

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

Connect with OAPCE Liaison Representatives from across the province at our first virtual regional meeting.

Together, we can stay informed, ask thoughtful questions and support our children as technology continues to change.

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ADVOCATING FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION ACROSS ONTARIO



OAPCE serves as a provincial voice for parents and families, advocating for the strength and vitality of Catholic education across Ontario.

Parents are essential partners. Their voices and lived experiences help shape schools where faith, student well-being and meaningful engagement remain central.

Through collaboration with school boards and education partners, OAPCE brings forward parent perspectives on learning, mental health, inclusion and the protection of publicly funded Catholic education.

We thank the Catholic school boards that support this shared mission. Trustees, educators, administrators and parent representatives help build welcoming communities where every child can thrive.

Together, our voices are stronger. Together, we advocate for the future of Catholic education.

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Faith at Home connects Church teaching with the everyday joys and challenges of parenting. Parents do not need to be theologians to help children grow in faith.

“A virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do good.”
— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1803

“The home is well suited for education in the virtues.”
— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2223

Saints are formed through small daily choices: telling the truth, including someone who is lonely, persevering, forgiving and beginning again after a mistake.

The goal is not perfect children. It is helping them recognize what is good, practise it faithfully and rely on God’s grace.

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CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF ICE

On October 22, OAPCE Executive members joined Ontario's Catholic education partners for ICE's 40th Anniversary Mass and Luncheon.

WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE

Sister Joan Cronin recalled the "kitchen table" conversations that helped establish ICE: partners listening, sharing ideas and working toward a common purpose.

For four decades, ICE has strengthened Catholic identity through faith formation, curriculum and resources.

OAPCE celebrated alongside Liaison Bishop Yvan Mathieu and Bishop Joseph Dabrowski.

Congratulations to ICE on 40 years of faithful service.



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A FAMILY VIRTUE CHALLENGE

Choose one virtue to practise each week.

PRUDENCE · Pause and pray before choosing.

JUSTICE · Include someone and share fairly.

FORTITUDE · Keep trying when things are difficult.

TEMPERANCE · Put screens away for an evening together.

At bedtime, ask: Where did I notice goodness? Which virtue did I practise? Do I need forgiveness? What help can I ask from God tomorrow?

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From Halloween to a Celebration of Light



HALLOWEEN · PRAY AS YOU CARVE
An adult can lead the carving while children follow the illustrated prayer. Invite Jesus, Light of the World, to shine in your home.

NOVEMBER 1 · ALL SAINTS' DAY
Choose a favourite saint. Learn about their life and a virtue they practised. Make saint cards or plan a family "Parade of Saints."

NOVEMBER 2 · ALL SOULS' DAY
Remember loved ones who have died. Share photographs and family stories, attend Mass or visit a cemetery, and pray for them by name.

LOOKING AHEAD · CHRIST THE KING
On November 22, ask: Who guides our choices? How can we serve others? Is there someone we need to forgive?

ACTIVITIES



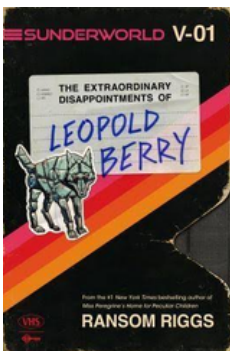
Autumn Reading: Looking Ahead to November



There Is No Saint Named Kelly

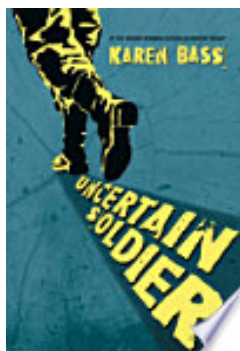
Kelly Luong

A children's story reminding young readers that everyone is called to become a saint—even without a traditional saint's name.



The Extraordinary Disappointments of Leopold Berry

An ordinary life opens into extraordinary mysteries, inviting reflection on courage, responsibility and using our gifts for others.



Uncertain Soldier

Karen Bass

Look ahead to Remembrance Day with historical fiction that invites discussion of conflict, moral choices, human dignity and peace.

BOOK NOOK





Looking Ahead: All Saints & All Souls

Loving God,

As we prepare to celebrate All Saints' Day, we thank You for the holy women and men whose lives reflected Your love, mercy and truth. Help us bring Your light into our homes, schools and communities.

As All Souls' Day approaches, we pray for all who have died, especially our family members, friends and loved ones. Welcome them into the fullness of Your heavenly kingdom.

Comfort those who grieve. Strengthen us with the hope of the Resurrection and remind us that in Christ, death is not the end but the beginning of everlasting life.

May the saints guide us, may the faithful departed rest in peace, and may we one day be united in Your heavenly home.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

PRAYERS





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Your generosity strengthens Catholic education
and supports parents across Ontario.

Every contribution helps OAPCE advocate for our children,
connect families and build a stronger community.

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