



## REGIONAL REPORT

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**Region: Toronto**

**Directors: Lucy Goncalves, Joel Tecson and Andrew Scarry**

**Date: May and June 2024**

1. OAPCE Toronto Directors have been busy leading up to the end of the year. We have a **New Toronto Director** - we welcome Andrew Scarry, as an additional OAPCE Toronto Director in May. Director Scarry is the OAPCE Representative for St. Brendan CES.

### 2. Queen's Park Visit

In May OAPCE Directors from across the province, had the opportunity to observe, from the gallery, the legislative assembly in session. We then had a discussion with the former Minister of Education, Mr. S. Lecce, and the Premier of Ontario, Mr. D. Ford about the importance of Catholic education and parent advocacy. OAPCE also presented Premier Ford with an appreciation plaque of his support of the organization in alignment of our 85th anniversary.



### **3. Nurturing our Catholic Community (NCC)**

The attendance of individuals from various backgrounds, including students, administrators, and governing bodies, showcased their talents and contributions following thorough preparation of the new TCDSB Pastoral Plan.

The [Pastoral Plan](#) for the years 2024-2027 is particularly relevant given the diverse worldviews present in society and within the TCDSB's network of Catholic education partners, addressing questions of self-image and the image in which we are created.

The messages delivered by speakers provided assurance that Catholic education in Toronto, guided by the Pastoral Plan will uphold Catholic values and traditions.

It is incumbent upon all parents involved in Catholic education to advocate for ensuring that God remains the ultimate source of the messages and information imparted to our children in schools under this new Pastoral Plan.

### **4. Statements released**

- OAPCE Issued a statement of support for the new Cell Phone and Vaping policy PPM 128 that can be found here: <https://oapce.org/oapce-statement/> OAPCE Co-Executive Director is also on the Task Force with the Ministry of Education and other educational partners to discuss how the implementation will take place in the Fall.

### **5. Last Regional Meeting for OAPCE Toronto:**

J. Perri presented “SuperParents: Unlocking the Powers of Advocacy”. Advocate for your child’s education like a Superhero! Advocacy plays a crucial role in ensuring that our children receive the best education possible and that our Catholic values are preserved.

Great round table discussion about what is happening at the school level. Introduced the new [Ministry of Education, Resource Tab](#) on the OAPCE page.

## 6. Annual General Meeting (AGM):

Directors and school reps from across the province met virtually for AGM. Co-Executive Directors presented the Year End Report outlining all that OAPCE has done through the year. All documents mentioned in the AGM can be found on the OAPCE website: <https://oapce.org/>

## 7. Board of Directors Meeting (BOD):

Directors from across the province met virtually to discuss our OAPCE Strategic Plan for the upcoming year.

## 8. OAPCE Resources:

Many resources available, from the Ministry of Education, from our Faith Partners and our Parents4Parents newsletters. So much to be found on the OAPCE Resource section of our [website](#).

## 9. Regional Updates/Key Points to bring back to your CSPC:

- \*Share OAPCE End of Year Report
- \*Share [June Newsletter](#)
- \*Share [June Meeting Discussion notes](#)
- \*Continue to share monthly [Parents4Parents](#)
- \*Encourage parents at CSPC to sign up for the OAPCE distribution list.
- \*Encourage parents to visit OAPCE [website](#)

## 10. Our next OAPCE Toronto meetings are:

First meeting of the school year will be in person at the CEC at 7pm (80 Sheppard St. E.). At this time a date has not been set, but will be posted on the OAPCE [Regional website](#) as soon as it has been scheduled.

**Wishing all our OAPCE school reps a relaxing and blessed summer vacation with their families!**



Hope to see you

all in the fall.