



OAPCE Regional Report

Region: Toronto

Directors: Lucy Goncalves & Joel Tecson

Date: Sept- Dec. 2024

1. On September 8, 2024 Directors Goncalves & Tecson attended a virtual OAPCE meeting to discuss some upcoming plans and items.
2. Directors Goncalves and Tecson have been collaborating with the TCDSB, to collect contact information from all the OAPCE reps who were elected in September 2024 during their school Catholic School Parent Council elections.
3. On October 17, 2024 Directors Goncalves & Tecson attended the virtual Board of Directors meeting for OAPCE. Some of the plans for the year were discussed including the upcoming launch of the social media accounts.
4. Director Goncalves attended the NCC (Nurturing Our Catholic Community) committee meeting on November 20, 2024.
5. On Monday November the 25th, Directors Goncalves & Tecson along with the Co-Executive Directors organized and led the Annual OAPCE Toronto Parent Volunteer Awards of Excellence as well as

the Commissioning Ceremony at Chaminade College. A wonderful 30 Parent Volunteers were recognised for their contributions to their school communities. Please see our video on our webpage!

6. On Monday, December 9th, Directors Goncalves & Tecson along with the Co-Executive Directors met for the 1st Toronto Regional Meeting at James Cardinal McGuigan High School. The meeting became a hybrid one with over many parents online and in person - they received the SuperParents Presentation from Co-Executive Director J. Perri as well as several regional and provincial updates from OAPCE. An update from Nurturing our Catholic Community Team was also given - Click [LINK](#) to open the slide deck.
7. Director Goncalves attended the OAPCE Advent Retreat on Dec. 11, 2204 - The Jubilee Year will start on Tuesday December 24th, 2024 Christmas Eve. His Most Rev. Bishop Mathieu presented the biblical sources of the Holy Year: the sabbatical Years and the Jubilee Years (Lev. 12) and the beginning of Jesus ministry (Luke 4). Bishop Mathieu discussed the purposes of a Holy Year, what is the theme of Holy Year 2025 and how we should prepare for Christmas.
8. On Thursday December 12, 2024 Directors Goncalves & Tecson along with the Co-Executive Directors presented at the TCDSB Board of Trustees meeting the OAPCE Year End Report as well as a presentation highlighting the work that OAPCE has done in the TCDSB over the past year.
OAPCE was thanked for their dedication to Catholic Education and continued advocacy of parents in the TCDSB.

As a OAPCE Rep:

-Visit oapce.org

-Build your network by attending school in person events

- Follow social media pages
- Share new knowledge with your school councils
- Participate in OAPCE online events, webinars and conferences

Things to discuss and share at your next meeting

1. Ensure OAPCE is on the CSPC Agenda -give a report: share all our info and gain feedback to report back to us.
2. Share [Parents4Parents newsletter](#)
3. Share any info we send to you.
4. **Save the date:** OAPCE 86th Conference April 2025.
5. Ask ten parents to sign up to our distribution list!

Thank you

Lucy Goncalves & Joel Tecson
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