



Hello Parents in York Catholic District School Board:

Welcome to the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Family as the newly appointed OAPCE Liaison Representative for your school!

My name is Michael Brancatella and I am the newly appointed OAPCE Director for YCDSB. I have lived in York Region since 1986 and I am the OAPCE representative for Immaculate Conception Parent Council. My wife and I have 2 children, who attend the school and I look forward to working collaboratively with the York community.

OAPCE is the voice of parents and guardians of children enrolled in the publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario. OAPCE Liaison Representatives are responsible to provide information between Parent Councils and OAPCE, this vital role is mandated through the Education Act in Regulation 612 - The OAPCE representatives are voting members that are part of the Parent Council. We will be forwarding information to share with your councils and hope to establish two-way communication with you to better represent you.

The first piece of information is to ensure you sign up for the emails from OAPCE - Parents will have access to the Ministry of Education and Catholic Parent communications, as well as surveys, resources and valuable information as well.

We also will have regional committee meetings where you can attend and connect with other OAPCE representatives from your school board. This is a platform for all the OAPCE representatives to come together to receive pertinent information regarding Catholic Education as well as being able to connect with other parents in our region. OAPCE meetings are always interesting, fun and a great way to learn from other parents!

Our next meeting is: [Thursday December 7th, 2023 at 7:00 pm it is a VIRTUAL meeting the agenda is here: https://oapce.org/york/](https://oapce.org/york/).

If you have any questions you can reach us at york@oapce.org.

Yours in Catholic Education,

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