



ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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2025/2026 YEAR END REPORT



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A Year of Faith, Advocacy, and Engagement

Celebrating parent leadership across Ontario's Catholic schools.

Executive Summary

The 2025/2026 year marked a period of renewed advocacy, strengthened parent engagement, and a major focus on digital well-being within Catholic education in Ontario. OAPCE continued its long-standing mission to Engage, Advocate, and Enhance Catholic education, with the 87th Annual OAPCE Conference bringing province-wide attention to the urgent need for parent leadership in navigating AI, technology, and faith-centred learning.

REPORTING PERIOD

September 2025 to June 2026

PROVINCIAL RECOGNITION

The only parent association recognized by Ontario's Ministry of Education for Catholic education.

LEGACY

Serving Catholic families since 1939.

MOMENTS FROM ACROSS THE YEAR





About OAPCE

OAPCE remains the only parent association recognized by the Ministry of Education for Catholic education in Ontario, continuing a legacy that began in 1939. Our mandate centres on three enduring commitments.

1939

Recognized by the Ministry of Education and serving Catholic families across Ontario for over eight decades.

1 Engage

- Support parents through resources, training, and provincial representation.
- Build a province-wide community of informed, engaged Catholic parents.

2 Advocate

- Advocate for publicly funded Catholic education.
- Ensure the parental voice influences policy and school-level decision-making.

3 Enhance

- Strengthen partnerships among home, school, parish, and board.
- Support student achievement, well-being, and Catholic identity.



Provincial Highlights

September 2025 to June 2026. Across advocacy, engagement, and faith formation, OAPCE advanced its mission on behalf of parents throughout the province.

Advocacy & Government Relations

- Engaged multiple Ministry of Education divisions, including the Education Priorities and Engagement Branch, Student Achievement Division, and Safe and Healthy Schools.
- Focused on curriculum reviews, parental engagement, and the protection and preservation of Catholic education.

Parent Engagement & Resources

- Expanded the Parent Engagement Hub with webinars and newsletters.
- Faith-based tools and resources on school policies, IEPs, and student well-being.
- Regional committees strengthened engagement at the board level.

Faith Formation

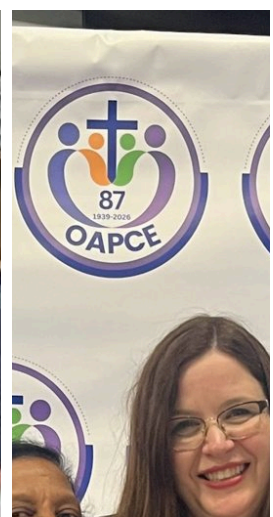
- Monthly Saint of the Month reflections.
- Lenten resources such as Journey Through Lent.
- Faith-based parent formation opportunities.

Public Communications

Concerns Over Bill C-9 and Religious Freedom (January 2026) | Open Letter to the Minister of Education, Paul Calandra (February 2026). These actions reinforced OAPCE's role as a provincial voice for parents and a defender of faith-based education.

The Parent Voice Survey 2026

Parents across Ontario shared what they value most, faith, community, and student well-being, and where OAPCE should keep advocating. [Read the full results.](#)



OAPCE 87: A Year in Review!

Parents, educators, trustees, and community partners from across Ontario.



The 87th Annual OAPCE Conference

One of the most impactful conferences in recent years, addressing the rapidly evolving role of artificial intelligence in the lives of students and families.

THEME	LOCATION	DATE
Parents Navigating AI and Digital Influence in Catholic Education	Mississauga, Ontario	April 18, 2026

Why AI Became the Focus

Parents across Ontario expressed a growing concern about the role of technology in their children’s lives. OAPCE responded by convening experts to provide practical, faith-aligned guidance.

- AI’s influence on student learning.
- Digital relationships replacing real-world connections.
- Mental-health impacts, including extreme cases of harm linked to AI interactions.

Home • School • Church

The conference strengthened the partnership at the heart of Catholic education.



Conference Impact

- Equipped parents with practical tools to guide children in a digital age.
- Strengthened partnerships between home, school, and Church.
- Reinforced OAPCE’s leadership in addressing emerging educational challenges.
- Continued building a province-wide community of informed, engaged Catholic parents.



Keynote Speakers & Themes

Through the keynote presentations, parents were challenged to think not only about technology itself, but about how we guide our children in using it.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Lucy Colangelo

ShineOn / Total Digital Reset

- Strategies for families to regain clarity and reduce digital overwhelm.
- Tools to help parents re-establish healthy boundaries with technology.
- Continued collaboration with OAPCE following previous presentations.



KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Giancarlo Brotto

Pave Education

- An academic perspective on AI's integration into daily life.
- Encouraged parents to move beyond fear and toward informed engagement.
- Highlighted the inevitability of AI in education and society.

Messages from Leadership

- **Premier Doug Ford** delivered a welcome message to conference attendees.
- **Bishop Yvan Mathieu** shared a spiritual reflection for the conference community.
- **MP Rechie Valdez** shared a heartfelt personal story of overcoming challenges.





New for 2026: Direct OAPCE Membership

OAPCE is expanding its reach with a new Direct Membership Subscription Option for individual schools, Catholic School Councils, and parent communities.

Regional Engagement

- Held meetings to share provincial updates.
- Supported local school councils and parent leadership.
- Promoted Catholic identity and active parental involvement.

Communications & Outreach

- Regular news updates and social media engagement.
- New website resources and photo galleries.
- The Parent Voice Survey (May 2026) strengthened our understanding of parent needs.

Bringing OAPCE Closer to Families and Schools

This initiative opens the door for families and school groups to engage with OAPCE more closely, access exclusive tailored supports, and strengthen the parent voice at the provincial level.

OAPCE is now accepting interest through an interest and waiting list, where schools and councils can secure their place and indicate which supports matter most to their community. The process is simple: just four quick questions, primarily multiple choice, confirming your spot and helping OAPCE shape meaningful membership benefits.

[JOIN THE WAITING LIST](#)

Looking Ahead to 2026 / 2027

- Advocate for Catholic education at the provincial level.
- Support parents navigating AI, mental health, and digital citizenship.
- Expand faith-based resources and strengthen regional committees.
- Prepare for the 88th Annual OAPCE Conference.



Looking Ahead

The 2025/2026 year demonstrated OAPCE's unwavering commitment to faith, family, and the future of Catholic education. Through advocacy, engagement, and a forward-looking approach to digital challenges, OAPCE continues to serve as the voice of parents across Ontario.

1

Empowering parents
as partners in education

2

Supporting faith
in learning environments

3

Advocating for students
with excellence and inclusion

**Together, we are stronger.
Together, we lead.
Together, we support our children.**

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