Hello Parents in the Halton Catholic District School Board,

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

**OAPCE Halton Director**
My name is Marlo and I am proud to return as your OAPCE Director for the Halton Region! It has been such a pleasure getting to know parents & guardians from across Halton who share the same values and are committed to supporting the best possible Catholic education journey for our children.
I look forward to connecting with more families, working alongside our dedicated parent representatives and continuing to strengthen our Catholic school communities throughout Halton. Together we can ensure that our Catholic faith and values remain at the heart of our children's educational journey

**Returning Representatives**
Without you it wouldn't be possible and  I commend you and thank you for your continued dedication. We all know how stretched our time is these days  and your willingness to continue serving your school communities does not go unnoticed. By leading through service, you are setting a beautiful example for our children. It is truly meaningful for them to see their parents giving their time, sharing their gifts and making a difference.

**New Representatives**
To those of you who are first time parents, new to HCDSB or are stepping into the OAPCE representative role for your school for the first time, thank you for stepping up and making a difference. Your willingness to get involved, share your voice and support your school community is appreciated.

**What is OAPCE**
OAPCE is the voice of parents and guardians of children enrolled in the publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario. My role as OAPCE Director is to represent you as in the HCDSB school board at the regional and provincial level of our organization.

**Role of OAPCE Representatives**
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. OAPCE representatives are voting members that are part of the parent council. I will be forwarding information to share with your councils and hope to establish two-way communication with you to better represent you.
Please ensure you have signed 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 all of this is to be shared with your school at your Catholic Council meetings.

**Scheduled Meetings**
We 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! Join us at our annual in person conference held in the spring! A day full of faith, education and fun! This is a great way to meet like minded parents not only in your region but across Ontario.

**Our first meeting is: Virtual online on Monday, November 16th at 7pm**
**To register click here: https://oapce.org/halton/**

**New email address: region5@oapce.org**

We are OAPCE Halton
Faith Family Community 💙🙏✝️

Yours In Catholic Education ,

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