



# Catholic Education



## Catholic Ratepayers

If you are a Catholic homeowner we urge you to check your property tax bill to ensure that your support is directed to your local Catholic school board. Did you know that if you are a tenant you also have the right to direct your support to the Catholic school board?

In order to be eligible to vote for your local Catholic school board trustee you must be registered as a separate school supporter. By ensuring that you are accurately recorded as a Catholic school supporter you are making your voice heard and delivering a powerful message to the government about the level of support for publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario.

If you are a homeowner or a tenant and need to redirect your support to your local Catholic school board, you may do so by going to our board website at [www.alcdsb.on.ca](http://www.alcdsb.on.ca) and choosing the link *Direction of Tax Support* or by contacting the office of the Catholic school in your neighbourhood.

**If you would like to learn more about our Catholic school board, visit our website [www.alcdsb.on.ca](http://www.alcdsb.on.ca) or contact us at 613-354-2255 Toll Free 1-800-581-1116**

*"Much of my success in sport and in business has to do with my parents and my Catholic education. Catholic education provided me with a great building block for my future!"*

**Jim Dorey**

Kingston Catholic Schools Graduate  
Retired National Hockey League defenseman  
Toronto Maple Leafs

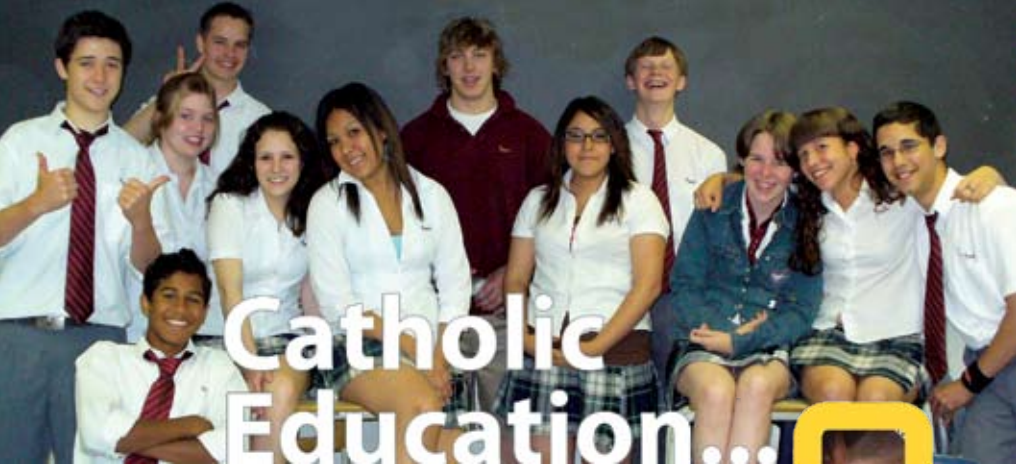


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## A Tradition of Academic Excellence

Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have a long history of academic excellence. Catholic elementary and secondary schools continue to be recognized among the top performing schools in the province each year based on reviews of data released by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (an agency of the provincial government).

Students in Catholic schools are encouraged to achieve their full academic potential within a safe and caring environment that recognizes and responds to the unique needs and talents of each student.



## Part of the Fabric of Ontario

Catholic education has been an integral part of Ontario's history for more than 160 years. As a vital component of the province's publicly funded education system, Catholic schools educate almost 600,000 students each year. Over one million Ontarians choose publicly funded Catholic schools for the education of their children.

## Faith Makes a Difference

Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools bring a distinctive faith component to learning. Catholic schools integrate the teachings of Jesus Christ into all aspects of school life. For students in Catholic schools the school community serves as a support and foundation for understanding our faith tradition.

The family and the parish community play an integral role in partnering with schools to support the faith development of students and to prepare them for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

## Living Out our Faith Through Service

Catholic education has a distinct emphasis on social justice and service to those less fortunate. School communities launch numerous charitable initiatives throughout the year to inspire a commitment to service and to bring to life the Catholic faith curriculum. Through these works and initiatives our students become for the world the light of Christ.

## The Catholic School Graduate

Catholic schools nurture the development of the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Young people are taught that each person is special because they reflect in their person the image and mystery of God, who is at the heart of every person and the world we inhabit. The expectations of Catholic graduates are measured not only in knowledge skills, but also in attitude, values and actions.

At the core of the Catholic school system is the unique framework for learners called the **Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations**. These distinctive expectations are integrated into the full Catholic school curriculum to help form graduates who are:

- 1 Discerning believers formed in the Catholic faith community;
- 2 Effective communicators;
- 3 Reflective, creative and holistic thinkers;
- 4 Self-directed, responsible, lifelong learners;
- 5 Collaborative contributors;
- 6 Caring family members; and,
- 7 Responsible citizens

