

## 2021 Catholic Education Week Award Recipients

“Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.” - Isaiah 40:31

Award	Archbishop Francis J. Spence Catholic Teacher of the Year	Excellence in Supporting Catholic Education	Contribution to Catholic Education	Katharine	Katharine	Adult Volunteer	Secondary Student Volunteer	Elementary Student Volunteer
Description	Exemplifying the spirit of the ALCDSB Mission Statement, meritorious service, and commitment to Catholic education and to the teachings of the Catholic Church.	Demonstrating workplace excellence & supporting faith-based education, community service, social justice initiatives, workplace & community involvement, and personal accomplishment.	Making a significant visible contribution to the school system, particularly to staff and students.	Honouring the spirit of giving of the late Katharine Splinter consistent with the character of the system.	Honouring the spirit of giving of the late Katharine Splinter consistent with the character of the system.	Providing exemplary volunteer services to the benefit of staff and students.	Providing exemplary volunteer services to the benefit of staff and students.	Providing exemplary volunteer services to the benefit of staff and students.
Recipient	<b>Sarah Cassidy</b>	<b>Emese Soudant</b>	<b>Fr. Francis Zambon</b>	<b>John and Angela Smylie</b>	<b>Robin Dzierniejko</b>	<b>Kelli Nicholas</b>	<b>Autumn Thorp</b>	<b>MaKennin Roach</b>
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Site	<i>ALCDSB Office</i>	<i>St. Patrick CS (Erinsville)</i>	<i>Archdiocese of Kingston</i>	<i>St. Peter CS</i>	<i>Holy Cross CSS</i>	<i>St. Martin of Tours CS</i>	<i>Regiopolis-Notre Dame CHS</i>	<i>Holy Rosary CS</i>
Achievements	Sarah looks upon people with “God’s soft eyes” and with a caring, gentle approach. She is a faith-filled person with a peaceful, calm presence, who shows empathy and places relationships first, meeting people where they are. Sarah supports the system through her roles in Religious and Family Life Education, Equity and Early Years. <a href="#">Click for full description.</a>	Emese is faith-filled, kind, caring, hospitable, thoughtful and supportive, and someone who always goes above and beyond. She is involved in Catholic School Council, fundraising, supporting families and nurturing the relationship between home, school, and parish. Students are blessed to learn Catholic values from a faith witness who embodies them in every interaction. <a href="#">Click for full description.</a>	Father Francis is highly involved in the ALCDSB at both the school and system levels. He recognizes the special gifts and talents in students and always takes the opportunity to compliment them and build relationships. Father Francis is a shepherd leader. He models a life of servant leadership for others and models seeing Jesus as our greatest example of love and compassion. <a href="#">Click for full description.</a>	John and Angela are incredibly generous individuals who graciously and selflessly give to the Catholic schools in Trenton. In addition to donating food and gift cards, they are very giving of their time. Mr. and Mrs. Smylie always look for ways to give and to open doors to people in need in the community. We are truly blessed to call them partners. <a href="#">Click for full description.</a>	Robin very quietly organizes initiatives that support the community through his leadership class and in the role of school Athletic Director. Robin ensures that inclusivity, care, compassion and empathy are central to many charitable efforts. Robin is a servant leader who strives to make the world a better place while seeing Christ in everyone. <a href="#">Click for full description.</a>	Kelli is a strong advocate for meeting student needs and providing the students with many educational opportunities. As the longest serving member of the Catholic School Council, she has been instrumental in facilitating annual school events, fundraising, and supporting new school community members, to the benefit of both students and staff in the community. <a href="#">Click for full description.</a>	Autumn is a shining example of how to live out the call to witness. Serving as the faith rep on Students’ Council, she is involved in the daily announcements, shares faith formation resources with her peers, leads contemplative prayer, and maintains the RND Chaplaincy Instagram account. Autumn also coordinates the blood donation bus program and is a cadet in the community. <a href="#">Click for full description.</a>	MaKennin consistently demonstrates a Christian attitude of service, selflessness, and dedication in school, in parish, and within the community. She is a spiritual, academic, and social leader who is looked up to by her peers and younger students. MaKennin organizes many fundraisers and social justice initiatives and assists with liturgies and Masses at the church. <a href="#">Click for full description.</a>