



## Chair's Monthly Report

April 2024

Highlights from **April** include:

- Vice Chair de Domenico delivered remarks at the **Easter Celebration of the Eucharist (Livestream)** as we joined together throughout the Board, rejoicing in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Delivered greetings at the **Young Disciples' Day at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish and the Catholic Education Centre** – encouraging Grade 5/6, 6, and 6/7 students to embrace the call to discipleship and put their faith into action in collaboration with school communities, families, parishes and Catholic community organizations. The day included Mass, community-building activities, inspirational music, and discussions.
- Along with the Director, delivered remarks at the **Celebrate Women 365** event at the CEC – a unique platform for students to connect with successful women professionals working in many different occupations. We prayed to our Lord and our blessed Mother Mary, the first disciple, through song and dance and reflection. Sister Evanne Hunter, IBVM, concluded the event by announcing the winners of this year's Sister Evanne Hunter Leadership Award.
- Along with the Director, attended and delivered greetings at the **2024 Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE)** Conference. The conference was held at Monsignor Percy Johnson Catholic Secondary School. The conference celebrated the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of OAPCE and all the parents who have been good stewards of Catholic Education throughout the decades. Archbishop Francis Leo and Bishop Yvan Mathieu, Chaplain to the OAPCE Board of Directors, concelebrated Mass at nearby St. Benedict's Parish. The evening banquet was attended by executive members of many Catholic partner organizations, including the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association, the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario, and the Toronto Secondary Unit of OECTA.
- Along with the Director, attending and delivering greetings at **St. Joseph's College School 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**.
- Along with the Director delivering greetings at the **Toronto Catholic Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association** celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

- Attending and delivering greetings at the **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Marshall McLuhan Catholic Secondary School**.
- Welcoming students at the Secondary **Mental Health Action Team Symposium** featuring guests Wali Shah, poet and motivational speaker, and John Park, juggler and advocate for student mental health and well being.
- Continuing to participate in bi-weekly conversation meetings with the **Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education**.