

# OCSTA Newswire-May 4, 2012

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## Bill 13 Update

**By Bob Murray, OCSTA Director, Legislative and Political Affairs**

In the wake of Elizabeth Witmer's resignation from the Tory caucus last week, and as the summer parliamentary recess quickly approaches, the Ontario Government is pushing forward with Bill 13, *An Act to amend the Education Act with respect to bullying and other matters*. Debate over Bill 13 has been going on since parliament resumed in February, but was held up from reaching the Social Policy Committee and passing Second Reading due to a Tory filibuster strategy.

As a result of the ongoing filibuster strategy, the Liberals put a motion on the floor to compel a vote on the Second reading of Bill 13 and immediately refer it to committee.

On Thursday, May 3 the Liberals' Bill 13 passed second reading (66 to 33). All three parties allowed both the Liberals' Bill 13 and the Tories' anti-bullying legislation, Bill 80, to go to committee.

A detailed update on this issue was sent to all Chairpersons and Directors of Education. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Bob Murray at [rmurray@ocsta.on.ca](mailto:rmurray@ocsta.on.ca) / 416-932-9460.

## Finance Seminar and AGM Highlights

From April 26 - 28 over 200 Catholic school trustees and directors of education gathered in Kingston, Ontario to explore issues, challenges, solutions and opportunities for Catholic education in 2012.

The annual OCSTA/OCSBOA Finance Seminar and the OCSTA AGM & Conference are held together at this time of year to allow all trustees to have an opportunity to discuss and learn about the various topics that are top of mind for Catholic school boards leaders - from finance to faith development and from social justice issues to labour relations.

Here is a link to the 2012 Finance Seminar -->

<http://www.ocsta.on.ca/resources/1/2012%20Finance%20Seminar/REVISED%20Preliminary%20Program%20%28Mar%2014%29.pdf>



Here is a link to the 2012 Conference Conference program -->

<http://www.ocsta.on.ca/resources/1/2012%20AGM/Programforposting.pdf>

To download presentations and listen to audio recordings please click [click here](#) (you will need your member user name and password to access the Members' Centre) -->

<http://www.ocsta.on.ca/Memberslogin.aspx>

### Photo Highlights

	<p>Finance Seminar presenter, Peter Derochie, Assoc. Director of Education, Business &amp; Finance, Simcoe Muskoka CDSB</p>
	<p>Finance Seminar "GSN Implications" Panel: (l.-r) Bob Murray, Director, Legislative &amp; Political Affairs, OCSTA; Paul C. Whitehead, Sr. Policy Advisor - Finance, OCSTA; Gerry Thuss, Supt. of Business, Huron-Perth CDSB; Dan Duszczyszyn, Supt. of Corporate Services Wellington CDSB.</p>



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OCSTA Board of Directors  
Commissioning Ceremony at St. Mary's Cathedral.  
Presider: Fr. Patrick Fitzpatrick



OCSTA Board of Directors  
Commissioning Ceremony, St. Mary's Cathedral.



Former OCSTA Executive Director, Pat Slack, with daughter Terri, on his way to accepting the OCSTA Special Award for 2012 (St. Mary's Cathedral).



2012 OCSTA  
Trustee Award of  
Merit recipient,  
Mike Favreau,  
Kenora CDSB.



Outgoing OCSTA  
Past President, Paula  
Peroni (at right)  
receives a special  
acknowledgement.



Mayor of Kingston,  
Mark Gerretsen.



Trustee Jim Kennelly, Chair of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic DSB.

## Greg Rogers Recognized for Inspiring Student Leaders



He's well known throughout Ontario for the lives he has changed. Read this month's [Good News blog](#) to learn about the work of Toronto Catholic DSB student leadership staff lead, Greg Rogers. Read the Good News blog [here](#).

## CCSTA AGM in Sudbury

The Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association will be hosting their 52nd Annual General Meeting in Sudbury from June 7-9.

This year's theme is "Catholic Education: Walking in the Truth."

For registration information, please visit the CCSTA website at [www.ccsta.ca](http://www.ccsta.ca).

## Catholic Register: CEW Issue

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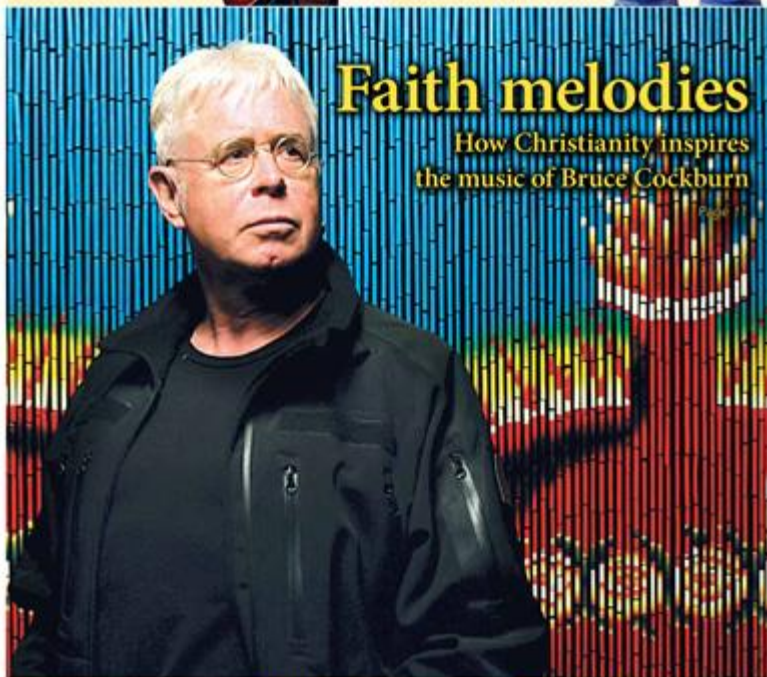
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