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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chairpersons and Directors of Education  
- All Catholic District School Boards

**FROM:** Patrick J. Daly, President

**SUBJECT:** **Catholic School Chaplains Association of Ontario**

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I recently had the privilege to meet with Jolene Smith, the President of the Catholic School Chaplains Association of Ontario. I know like me you have great appreciation for the significant contribution Chaplaincy Leaders make to the spirit of their Catholic School Communities. They and the important Ministry they provide are indeed one of the distinctive features of publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario.

Jolene shared with me information regarding a number of the important projects CSCO is currently involved with and provided me with a copy of the attached brochure. I share it with you for your information and in deep gratitude to the outstanding and faith filled men and women who serve as Chaplaincy Leaders in Catholic schools throughout Ontario.

Attachment



CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
CHAPLAINS OF ONTARIO

## HISTORY

In the mid-1980's, after provincial funding for Ontario Catholic schools was extended to the end of high school, there began a rapid increase in the number of Catholic secondary schools. Concerned about the "Catholicity" of the secondary schools, the Ontario Conference of Catholic Bishops called for the presence of Chaplains in all the secondary schools and "the upgrading of chaplaincy work into a full ministry of pastoral service or care." (This Moment of Promise; and New Directions.)

In October of 1988, CSCO (Catholic School Chaplains of Ontario) was incorporated and its constitution ratified.

Today, CSCO continues the work of promoting a better understanding of Catholic School Chaplaincy and of supporting Chaplaincy Leaders in their ministry. CSCO now counts among its members over 230 Chaplaincy Leaders serving in elementary and secondary schools across the province of Ontario.

## OUR MISSION

CSCO exists to develop, support, and promote the profession of Catholic School Chaplaincy in Ontario.

## OUR VISION

Working in unity with all partners in Catholic education in Ontario, witnessing to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## OUR VALUES

- Being Christ-centred in all our efforts, decisions and encounters
- Unity, joy and collegiality among our members
- On-going faith formation and professional development
- Advocacy for the vocation and profession of Catholic School Chaplaincy
- Collaboration with our partners in Catholic Education



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