



ASSEMBLY OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ONTARIO

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The Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario is pleased to join the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association as you celebrate the 90th Anniversary of your founding.

As outlined in *Renewing the Promise: A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education*, Catholic Trustees, in particular, are called to a vital leadership role in our publicly funded Catholic school system.

Your effectiveness is best determined by the extent to which you allow your faith, your love of God and your compassion and respect for one another, to inform your decisions. Pray together; work closely with your local bishop and diocesan staff who can offer support and guidance as you seek to grow in your faith, and deepen your knowledge and understanding of Church teaching. Allow the Holy Spirit to emerge from the creative tension that exists in balancing budgets and providing rich educational programs for the children, their families and the community you serve. Let your public actions be a visible sign of what we profess as a Catholic Community, and an expression of God's love and mercy in this world.

[Renewing the Promise, 2018, page 20]

Catholic education has always been a unique relationship between the school, its families and the local parish.

Since the founding of Catholic schools in the 19th century, Catholic education in Ontario has flourished because of faith-filled trustees, parents, school staff and clergy who have worked together to ensure that we are providing an education rooted in the Gospel; one that provides a positive contribution to justice and peace in the world and to the social, cultural and environmental fabric of our society.

The Bishops of Ontario express our deep gratitude to you for your outstanding contribution to Catholic education.

Congratulations on your 90th Anniversary as an Association. May God bless you always, and may the Holy Spirit continue to shed Christ's radiant light on you and your work.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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