Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association

OCSTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

PILGRIMS OF HOPE: ON THE PATH TO HOLINESS

APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2026 | WINDSOR, ONTARIO

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Windsor Convention Centre – 377 Riverside Drive East, Windsor, ON N9A 7H7

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, APRIL 30	
9:30am-1:30pm Augustus I	**OCSTA/OCSBOA Business Seminar**
5:30pm Augustus Foyer	**Registration / Meet & Greet Reception** *(Light Snacks, Coffee & Tea)* Jazz Accompaniment – *Students of Assumption Catholic High School* *Brian Zanier*, Music Director
6:30pm Augustus I	**Opening Liturgy** *Windsor-Essex CDSB* *Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School Choir* *Lindsay Longpre and Melissa Ciotoli, Teachers*
7:00pm Augustus I	**Opening Remarks** *Jennifer Wigston, Conference Chair* *Michael Bellmore, President, OCSTA* *Lisa Soulliere, Co-Host Board Chair*
7:30pm Augustus 27	**Welcome Reception/Dinner** *(Food Stations & Cash Bar)*
FRIDAY, MAY 1	
7:30am Augustus II	**Buffet Breakfast**
8:30am Augustus I	**Morning Praise** *Fr. Jim Mockler, Chaplain, OCSTA*
8:45am Augustus I	**President's Report** *Michael Bellmore, President, OCSTA*
9:30am Augustus I	**Nominations Report & Introduction of Candidates** *Beverley Eckensweiler, Past President, OCSTA*
9:45am Augustus I	**Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness – Catholic School Trustees Called to Serve** *The Most Rev. Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau*
10:45am Augustus Foyer	**Break**
11:00am Augustus I	**Presentation of Financial Report** *Marino Gazzola, Vice President and Chair, Budget & HR Committee, OCSTA*
11:15am Martis	**Student Trustee Workshop 1** **Sacred Balance – Self Care for the Student Leader** *Windsor-Essex CDSB Mental Health Team* *Courtney Ouellette, Mental Health Lead* *Nate Veres, Itinerant Mental Health Facilitator*
11:15am Augustus I	**Resolutions Session** *Patrick Daly, Session Chair* *Melissa Eldridge, Partner, BLG, Parliamentarian*
12:15pm Mercuri	**Elections**
12:15pm Augustus II	**Buffet Lunch**

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FRIDAY, MAY 1	
1:15pm Martis	**Student Trustee Workshop 2** **Stewards of the Soul: *Refilling the Cup to Serve Others / Charisms of Saints on the Path to Holiness*** *Ruben Da Silveira, Vice-President, Catholic Student Trustee Council (OSTA-AECO)* *Courtney Ouellette, Mental Health Lead, Windsor-Essex CDSB* *Nate Veres, Itinerate Mental Health Facilitator, Windsor-Essex CDSB*
1:15pm	**Concurrent Workshops**
Augustus III	**1. Catholic Identity in Catholic Online Learning** *Rose Burton Spohn, Coordinator, Catholic Virtual Ontario (CVO)* *Brian Chen, Senior Technologist, OeLC* *Anne O'Brien, Director of Catholic Education, OCSTA and CVO Project Manager*
Augustus IV	**2. Redefining Success: Elevating Skilled Trades as an Educational Pathway** *Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board* *Cory McAiney, Consultant* *John Ulicny, Executive Superintendent of Education*
Solis/Luna	**3. The Integration of Catholic Identity into Catholic School Board Communications and Promotion** *Stephen Fields, Communications Coordinator, Windsor-Essex CDSB* *Jennifer Pellegrini, Communications & Community Engagement Officer, Niagara CDSB*
Saturni	**4. Indigenous Education: A Collective Responsibility**
2:15pm Augustus Foyer	**Working Break**
2:15pm Augustus I	**Report of the Returning Officer** *Paula Mann,* Director of Education, Nipissing-Parry Sound CDSB
2:30-4:00pm Augustus I	**Implications of Bill 101, Putting Student Achievement First Act, 2026** *Michael Bellmore*, President, OCSTA *Patrick J. Daly,* Executive Director, OCSTA
4:45-5:15pm	**Delegates board buses for Mass** *Buses will be parked on Chatham Street, near the Valet entrance*
5:30pm	**Mass, Commissioning Ceremony & Special Presentations** Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 350 Huron Church Road, Windsor ON, N9C 2J9 ***Celebrant:** Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB, Bishop of London* ***Concelebrant:** Fr. Jim Mockler, OCSTA Chaplain* (Commissioning Ceremony)
7:00-8:30pm Augustus Foyer	**Silent Auction**
7:00pm Augustus Foyer	**Reception** *(Cash Bar)*
7:30pm Augustus I	**Annual Dinner & Award Presentation**
SATURDAY, MAY 2	
7:45am Augustus II	**Buffet Breakfast**
8:45am Augustus I	**Morning Praise** *Windsor-Essex CDSB*
9:00am Augustus I	**Plenary: The Ombudsman and School Boards – 10 Years of Collaboration for Fairness and Good Governance** *Barbara Finlay,* Ombudsman of Ontario
10:00am	**Coffee Available in the Augustus Foyer**
10:00am Augustus I	**Plenary: Leading with HOPE** *The Most Rev. Daniel Miehm, Bishop-Designate, Diocese of London*
11:00am Augustus I	**Closing Remarks & Adjournment** *Jennifer Wigston*, Conference Chair

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