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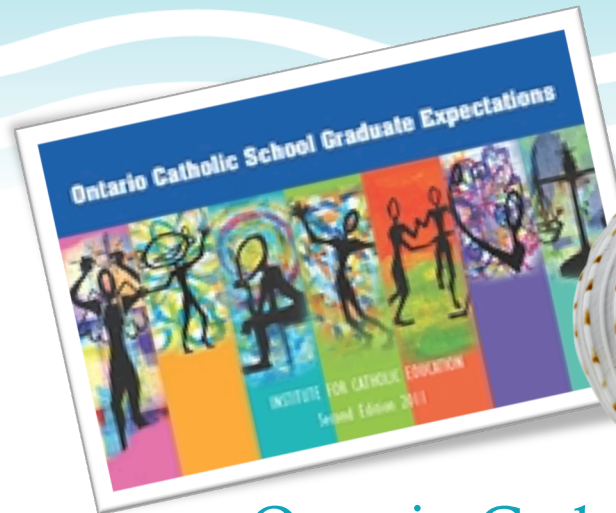
Conference 2015

A standing ovation and teary eyes said it all at the 76th Annual OAPCE Conference and AGM in Pembroke on Saturday May 30.

As confirmed by the positive feedback, it was a very successful event. Attendees commented: "We liked the workshops, we enjoyed the food, the vendors were well chosen and the hotel was very good," and "The keynote speakers and the workshops suited the theme of the day well."

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Getting together with parents from across the province at the Networking Reception



Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations

As our graduates get ready to go on to new experiences we pray:

God of faithfulness we come to you at the end of our High School days and find ourselves needing to begin again on new projects and new ideas. We are in need of energy and new hope. Give us the insight to recognize the ever-present possibility for change and conversion and growth. Amen.

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Calendar of Educational Partner Meetings/Events

Canadian
Catholic
Women's
League
Conference

July 4-8

Ontario Catholic
School Business
Officials'
Association Dinner

October 1

Catholic
Education
Foundation of
Ontario Dinner

October 24



Our Catholic Education Partners

Kathy Burtmik, OCSTA's President

Kathy Burtmik joined us at the April 2015 Board of Directors meeting. A very personable, fun person, she talked about OCSTA and the role that parents have in the education of their children. She thanked all parents for the time and effort that we put into our children's school life, and urged us not to forget Catholic education after our kids are out of school – to maintain the legacy. **"What we do may never bring us thanks, but does not go unnoticed."**



OCSTA's Mandate

For more than 80 years, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) has safeguarded and promoted the interests of Catholic education in Ontario. They are the central source of information about government funding and initiatives affecting Catholic education.

Catholic Education Week

She also spoke about Catholic Education Week in which OCSTA is responsible for the development, coordination of resource and communications material, and the promotional campaign. She says it is a very important time - for one week every year all schools are on the same page. This year the Student Trustees have added a social justice component to the same day Mass during this week.

