
DURHAM CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIR'S REPORT

TO: DCPIC, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SCHOOL CHAIRS, STAFF AND PARENTS
FROM: ROXANNE HORWITZ
SUBJECT: APRIL 2015 REPORT
DATE: APRIL 9, 2015

This month we celebrated Easter and His Holiness, Pope Francis relayed this message to us:

Jesus Christ is risen!

Love has triumphed over hatred, life has conquered death, light has dispelled the darkness!

Out of love for us, Jesus Christ stripped himself of his divine glory, emptied himself, took on the form of a slave and humbled himself even to death, death on a cross. For this reason God exalted him and made him Lord of the universe. Jesus is Lord!

By his death and resurrection, Jesus shows everyone *the way* to life and happiness: this way is *humility*, which involves *humiliation*. This is the path which leads to glory. *Only those who humble themselves can go towards the "things that are above", towards God* (cf. *Col 3:1-4*). The proud look "down from above"; the humble look "up from below".

This month our committee is hosting two events. Please visit our website at www.dcpic.ca, for all the details.

- 1.) The 2nd Annual Distinguished Catholic Volunteer Award on April 13
- 2.) Youth Mental Health Mini Conference on April 18

In April, the DCPIC will be opening the online survey for parents as part of our annual plan. We hope to take the survey results and apply it during our strategic planning session this summer. We are also seeking up to 3 Community Representatives on our committee, whose term begins on July 1. Contact us for details.

Here is the update for this month:

April Report

- DCPIC Membership
 - a) 2 positions are vacant for the Parent Members of the DCPIC, and we are waiting for application submissions from any parent with a child attending one of our schools.
 - b) Advertising for the Community Representatives of the DCPIC begins this month. There are up to 3 available positions and term begins on July 1.
- OAPCE (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education)
 - a) OAPCE's next quarterly meeting will be in April 2015.
 - b) As OAPCE Director, I will be attending the Ministry training session on the Health and Physical Education curriculum on April 21-22.
 - c) The OAPCE conference will take place on May 29-30. It will be in Pembroke, Ontario. Identify DCPIC members who will be attending
- Conferences/ Professional Development

- a) Ministry of Education PIC Symposium – April 24-25, 2015 in Toronto
 - Five parent members attending: Eileen, Linda, Melissa, Rachelle and Roxanne
 - b) Bishop's Dinner – May 8 in Oshawa
 - Need to determine which members will be attending and needs tickets
 - c) OAPCE – May 29-30, 2015 in Pembroke, Ontario
- Upcoming Events
- a) April 13 - Distinguished Catholic Volunteer Award Ceremony
 - b) April 18 – Conference on Youth Mental Health featuring Ann Douglas
 - c) May 13 – Dr. Alex Russell
 - d) May 20 or 21 – Grand Opening of DCPIC Parent Resource Centre