

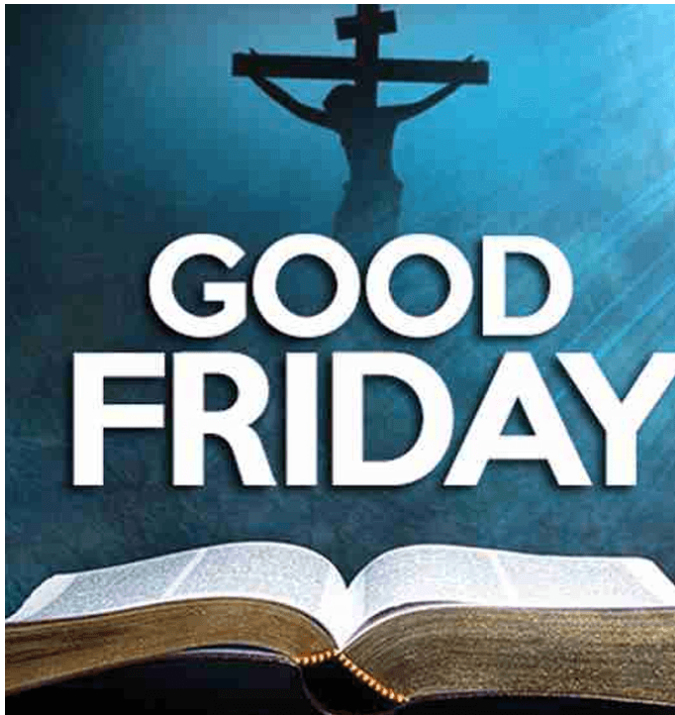


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Lenten Message for 2021:

“renew our faith, draw from the living waters of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God.”

"This Lenten journey...is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Jesus."

-Pope Frances

**WE PROCLAIM
THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST
WHEN HIS LIGHT
ILLUMINATES THE DARK
MOMENTS OF OUR EXISTENCE...**

Pope Francis





MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY ANNALISA CRUDO-PERRI

As we prepare for the death and resurrection of Christ our Lord, may we take time to reflect on how far we have come, how many hurdles people have overcome as we hit the one-year mark of the pandemic. From Pope Francis' message for Lent "In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated".

Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2021, 12.02.2021:

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Easter reminds us that hope must never be lost for as dark as the road may seem, there always lies light at the end of it. As Parents we have been tested time and time over this past year, it is inspiring on a daily basis to witness such strength, resilience and perseverance as I have seen in so many of you. Let this time of Easter inspire us more to look ahead with hope and optimism. Let us embrace positive possibilities and the light ahead.

May you and your family be blessed with countless blessings from the Lord. May your life be transformed magically into something beautiful and magical.

Happy Easter to you and your loved ones.

OAPCE NEWS

Engage

OAPCE Regional Councils throughout the province, have meetings planned for April. Parents interested in attending are encouraged to pre-register using the links below. Our mandate is to continue to engage as many parents as we can to hear the parent voice and provide opportunities for parents to connect within their region and across the province.

OAPCE Halton -
Wednesday April 7th, 2021

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OAPCE Dufferin-Peel -
Wednesday April 7th, 2021

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OAPCE Toronto -
Monday April 26th, 2021

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OAPCE York -
Wednesday April 28th, 2021

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Advocate

OAPCE continues to advocate for our students across the province. We continue to provide ongoing consultation to the Ministry of Education on a variety of topics. Most recently, we lobbied the Education Minister to cancel EQAO and OLSST testing for high school students this year and next. To read our statement click [here](#).

On February 11th, 2021, OAPCE in conjunction with other Public Education partners sent a letter to The Minister of Education S. Lecce and Deputy Minister N. Naylor requesting that the government convene an Education Advisory Task Force. As there has been a great deal of one-on-one consultation with a range of organizations – all partners believe that having all of the education stakeholders, along with policy-makers and health experts, together at one table, would engender greater public confidence, more buy-in and efficiency, and stronger policy decisions going forward.

The letter can be found here:

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OAPCE NEWS

Enhance

During the month of March, we had the opportunity to host three amazing speakers who engaged parents across the province. Virtually, our webinars were hosted in the evenings, with a focus on Parent Engagement and Education. We would like to thank Paul Davis, Anthony Perrotta and Maestro Fresh Wes for joining us and giving us the wonderful opportunity to learn more about "Social Media and You", "When Faith Meets Movies" and how to "Stick to your vision"

As March comes to a close, we continue to reflect on the past month and celebrate and thank all parents, presenters and our wonderful support staff in making these series come to life.

Our Webinars continue to receive positive feedback from our participants, knowing that each brought tremendous value and knowledge. As OAPCE continues to look for new topics and speakers of interest for our Parent Community, the understanding and gained knowledge on the many topics presented is a positive experience for all parents.

SAVE THE DATE!

OAPCE 82nd Virtual Conference

May 14th & May 15th, 2021

Although times may be uncertain, one thing remains true. There's a simple power in people coming together. We are pleased to announce that preparations are underway to host our next annual conference.

We are honoured to introduce our first speaker, his Eminence Cardinal Collins. Stay Tuned for more information and be sure to check out our website for updates on Keynote Speakers and our first ever OAPCE Parent Tool Kit.



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"Blessed are those who have not seen and have yet believed."
John 20:29