



**OAPCE TORONTO PRESS RELEASE**  
**Commissioning Ceremony, Parent Volunteer**  
**and Principal of Excellence Awards 2022**

**The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Toronto hosted its Annual Commissioning Ceremony of OAPCE Liaison Representatives to our organization on Monday November 28, 2022 at the CEC. This celebration of Catholic Education focused on the support and encouragement OAPCE Toronto provides to parents and guardians of children in the TCDSB.**

**One of the highlights of the evening as well was to recognize the Parent Volunteer of Excellence Award Recipients - these parents have gone above and beyond in their volunteerism and have contributed effortlessly to their communities as well as in OAPCE Toronto. We have 12 recipients of the award for the Parent Volunteer of Excellence, they are:**

**Maribel Cabatino**  
**Susy DeFaria**  
**Jennifer DiFrancesco**  
**Francesca Ferrari**  
**Rose-Marie Fraser**  
**Elizabeth Galloway**  
**Paul Matos**  
**Stephanie Naval**  
**Nidia Perez**  
**Alice Pinto**  
**Lisa Valent**  
**Shannon Wareham-Browne**

**The OAPCE Toronto Principal of Excellence award acknowledges Principals who have worked collaboratively with their parent communities to combine their passion for education with the ability to lead in our Faith and foster opportunities to ensure student success in our Catholic Schools. As this was our first in person celebration in three years we were finally able to acknowledge in person the Recipients of the 2020 Principal of Excellence Awards, they were:**

**Elementary: Susanna Ranalli, St. Margaret  
Secondary: Ugo Rossi, Chaminade**

**We congratulate the outstanding Principals who were nominated by their parent communities for this year's Principal of Excellence Awards. This year's nominees were:**

**Anthony Bellisario - Dante Alighieri Academy  
Antonio Bisceglia - James Cardinal McGuigan  
Peter Fitzpatrick - Cardinal Leger  
Linda Urbani - Transfiguration of Our Lord  
Ryan Vlasschaert - St. Dorothy**

**We were honored to announce this year's recipients of the OAPCE Toronto 2021 Principal of Excellence award who are:**

**Elementary Panel: [Peter Fitzpatrick, Cardinal Leger](#)  
Secondary Panel: [Anthony Bellisario, Dante Alighieri Academy](#)  
[Antonio Bisceglia, James Cardinal McGuigan](#)**

**The inspirational contributions of these Principals were clearly evident in the testimonials read about them, as well as through their speeches of acknowledgement after receiving their awards. Through their servant leadership and dedication these Principals continue to demonstrate and represent the outstanding contributions of all our Catholic leaders in the TCDSB. Thank you to all who have joined us in a wonderful evening celebrating parent engagement and Catholic Education at the TCDSB!**

**OAPCE Toronto Executive**