



Ontario Catholic School
Trustees' Association

2025 CATHOLIC TRUSTEES SEMINAR

Delta by Marriott Toronto Airport Hotel
655 Dixon Rd., Toronto, ON M9W 1J3

Program – January 17 to 18



For more information on speakers and workshops please visit the following link [2025 C TS](#)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16	
5:30pm – 6:30pm International Foyer	Registration
FRIDAY, JANUARY 17	
7:30am International A	Breakfast/Registration
8:30am International BC	Opening Prayer <i>Fr. Jim Mockler, Chaplain, OCSTA</i> Welcoming Remarks and Presentation of OCSTA Short Video Awards – Catholic Elementary Schools <i>Jennifer Wigston, Seminar Chair</i>
9:00am International BC	Keynote Address – “Leading with Hope.” <i>Deirdre Kinsella Biss, Education Consultant, Catholic Principals’ Council of Ontario</i>
10:00am International BC	Presentation of OCSTA Short Video Awards – Catholic Secondary Schools <i>Jennifer Wigston, Seminar Chair</i> President’s Report and Q&A <i>Michael Bellmore, President, OCSTA</i>
10:45am International Foyer	Break
11:00am International BC	“Director of Education Appraisal Process Overview & Current Catholic School Board Perspectives” – A Discussion Panel <i>Nancy Crawford, Trustee, Toronto CDSB</i> <i>Vikki Dupuis, Chair DPA Committee, Wellington CDSB</i> <i>Karen McAllister, Vice Chair, CDSB of Eastern Ontario</i> <i>Nick Milanetti, Moderator, Executive Director, OCSTA</i>
12:00pm International A	Lunch
1:00pm	Concurrent Workshops
Halton	1. “Artificial Intelligence A Catholic Perspective” – Discussion Panel <i>Thomas D’Amico, Director of Education, Ottawa CSB</i> <i>Tyrone Dowling, Director of Education, Waterloo CDSB</i> <i>Lewis Poché, Associate Program Director, Higher Powered Learning, Alliance for Catholic Education, University of Notre Dame, USA</i>
Paris	2. “Skills Ontario – Programming and Services” <i>Ian Howcroft, CEO, Skills Ontario</i> <i>Nicole Stoikos, Programs Manager, Skills Ontario</i>

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 (CONT’D)	
New York	3. “Toronto CDSB Pastoral Plan – In God’s Image: Growing in Knowledge with Justice and Hope” <i>Brendan Browne, Director of Education, Toronto CDSB</i> <i>Michael Caccamo, Superintendent of Education, Toronto CDSB</i>
Mississauga C	4. “Beyond the Headlines: Understanding PR, Media Relations & Crisis Response in Catholic School Boards – Discussion Panel” <i>Galen Eagle, Communications Manager, PVNC CDSB</i> <i>Sharlene Hunter, Communications Manager, Ottawa CSB</i> <i>Pauline Stevenson, Communications Manager, Simcoe Muskoka CDSB</i>
London	5. Student Trustees Workshop: “Celebrating Indigenous Achievement” <i>Bailey Clyne, Indigenous Student Trustee, Dufferin-Peel CDSB</i> <i>Monica Galstyan, Student Trustee, York CDSB</i> <i>Cortnee Goure, Indigenous Lead, St. Clair CSDB</i> <i>Nick Bertrand, Director, Indigenous Education Office, Ministry of Education</i>
2:00 pm International Foyer	Break
2:15pm	Concurrent Workshops – (Repeat)
3:30pm International BC	Ministry of Education Update <i>MPP Billy Pang, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education</i>
4:00pm International BC	Friends and Advocates for Catholic Education (FACE) “FACE Forward: Vigilance and Advocacy for Catholic Education” <i>Carole Allen, FACE Project Manager</i> <i>Dave Sieger, Principal, Enterprise Canada</i>
6:30pm International Foyer	Reception (Cash Bar)
7:15pm International ABC	Dinner
SATURDAY, JANUARY 18	
7:30am International BC	Breakfast
8:30am International A	Eucharistic Celebration 2025 Catholic Education Song – Pilgrims of Hope <i>Fr. Jim Mockler, Chaplain, OCSTA</i> <i>Nancy Bodsworth-Boss, Singer, Songwriter & Teacher Hamilton-Wentworth CDSB</i>
9:30am International BC	“Current Trends Impacting Education in Ontario” <i>Greg Lyle, President, Innovative Research Group</i>
10:30am International BC	Closing Remarks & Adjournment <i>Jennifer Wigston, Seminar Chair</i>