



## Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association

November 4, 2022

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chairpersons and Directors of Education  
– All Catholic District School Boards

**FROM:** Patrick J. Daly, President

**SUBJECT:** **Supporting Canadian Parents in Accessing Catholic Education for Their Children through the *Toonies for Tuition* Fundraising Campaign**

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In their recent Pastoral Letter to Young People, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops write:

***“God loves you!”***  
***“God saves you!”***  
***“The Holy Spirit lives in you!”***

These hope filled words are at the centre of the Toonies for Tuition Fundraising Campaign. Through your generosity, the proceeds from the campaign provide financial support to parents in provinces that do not publicly fund Catholic schools. In doing so, the recipients of Toonies for Tuition are able to send their children to schools that support the Catholic/Christ centred values they teach in their homes.

As is the case with many fundraising efforts, donations have been down over the last few years due to COVID, and the number of families in need of assistance continues to increase.

Last year as a result of the collective goodness of participating Catholic school systems in Ontario, we were able to contribute \$47,954. Across Canada \$76,800 was raised to support students attending Catholic schools who otherwise would have been unable to do so. While not diminishing the difference the support of \$76,800 meant to the receiving families, it is important to note that the CCSTA received a total of \$389,106 in tuition assistance requests from parents across Canada. We know that with the active participation of all boards, we can significantly surpass the amount raised last year.

To assist with fundraising efforts, CCSTA has provided the attached poster for this school year, and posted **marketing materials** on their website. CCSTA is happy to provide hard copies of posters to your board. Please direct any requests for posters or any questions about the campaign, to Communications Officer, Catherine Burnham ([ccstacommunications@gmail.com](mailto:ccstacommunications@gmail.com)).

On behalf of the OCSTA Board of Directors, I thank you and urge you to harness the generosity of your Catholic school communities and in particular the creativity, caring and goodness of your students in support of this extremely important cause. Together we can support parents who otherwise would be unable to do so to “*place Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church at the centre*” of their children’s learning/education experience.

The 2022-2023 *Toonies for Tuition* campaign concludes in May of 2023. We are looking forward to announcing the total amount raised through our Ontario campaign following Catholic Education Week. Thank you for your support of this important fundraising effort. If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding *Toonies for Tuition*, please call Sharon McMillan or me.

### **Collection Process for the Toonies for Tuition Campaign**

1. Please collect donations raised through fundraising activities and submit these funds to the financial officer or bursar at your local school board office.
2. Prepare a report of funds received (listing the donation amount per school) and include one board cheque covering the total amount received. Cheque to be made payable to:

Toonies for Tuition  
c/o Canadian Catholic School Trustees’ Association  
570 West Hunt Club Road  
Nepean, ON K2G 3R4

Please send a copy of board donation information to OCSTA, Attention: Connie Araujo-De Melo [cdemelo@ocsta.on.ca](mailto:cdemelo@ocsta.on.ca).

For more information about *Toonies for Tuition*, please visit CCSTA’s website [Toonies for Tuition – Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association \(ccsta.ca\)](http://Toonies for Tuition – Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association (ccsta.ca))

*“A Catholic School is a place where students live a shared experience of faith in God and where they learn the riches of Catholic culture.” - Pope Saint John Paul II*