



# Looking Back at CPCO

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On April 1, 1998 principals and vice-principals in Ontario were removed from the Ontario Teachers' Federation by the government of the day. Their future was unclear. Where would they get the support they were used to receiving? Who would represent their interests at the board level and at the provincial table? CPCO had been a standing committee of OEETA and through the efforts of the Executive Council during that tumultuous year 1997-98, the independent Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario was born.

This year we are taking the time to look back at the past decade to remember, reflect and rejoice. CPCO has evolved and matured into a respected partner in Catholic education. The association has been diligent in fulfilling its mission to serve Catholic education and its leaders through service, advocacy and communication.

In the collage below we smile upon the CPCO conferences and events from 2000-03. In each issue of Principal Connections during 2007-08 we will feature photos and articles on the accomplishments and celebrations of CPCO. As we celebrate our first ten years, we look forward to the future and the next ten years of Catholic education.



