

IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE

The Father John Redmond Memorial Award originated with the former Ontario Catholic Secondary School Principals' Association (OCSSPA). It was presented to the individual who had made an outstanding contribution to Catholic education in Ontario. Following the merger of OCSSPA and CPCO, the tradition of presenting this award at the annual association dinner continued.

Cursum Consumavi Fidem Servavi - I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.

The motto of the high school that bears the name of Fr. John Redmond best expresses the life he lived. A Basilian priest, he was the former principal at Michael Power/St. Joseph High School in Toronto. Fr. John served as a teacher and athletic director for 13 years and principal for six years. He believed in a holistic approach to education and felt strongly about the role of academics, athletics and the arts in the development of the total person. Fr. John Redmond embodied the highest traditions of a Catholic educator, calling others to pursue excellence, to exercise judgment wisely and to be people of prayer.

The first award was presented in 1983 to Ed Nelligan. For 30 years, Nelligan was a key player in the development of Ontario's separate school system. He was the director of education of the Metropolitan Separate [Toronto Catholic District] School Board from 1965 to 1983.



John Stunt

This year's recipient of the *Father John Redmond Memorial Award*, John Stunt is being honoured for his extensive service to Catholic education in Ontario.

John's career began with the former Lincoln Separate School Board. He was the first principal of Michael J. Brennan Catholic School, a shared facilities project with the Lincoln Public School Board. In 1981 he was appointed as a supervisory officer with the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board. He was appointed director of education in 1989 and served in that position until December 31, 2000. In 2001 John joined the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) as its executive director. He retired from this position in April 2010 only to continue his journey in Catholic education on the national front as executive director of the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association (CCSTA).

Throughout his career, John has been involved in provincial affairs. He was actively involved with the Ontario Principals' Association and was the first chair of the Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers' Association's (OCSOA) religion committee. He served six years on the executive of OCSOA and was provincial president from 1993-94.

John was a member of the Minister's Working Group on the Royal Commission on Learning and was a member of the Institute for Catholic Education committee that produced the *Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations*. He was also an executive member of the Council of Ontario Directors of Education and served several terms on the board of directors of the Institute for Catholic Education.

In his capacity at OCSTA, John forged partnerships and reciprocal agreements with a wide variety of education stakeholders to further the mission of OCSTA "to promote and protect Catholic education." Most recently John was actively involved in setting up the partnership of the Ontario Assembly of Catholic Bishops, the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association and Ontario's Catholic School Boards. This joint venture's mandate is "to strengthen and deepen support for publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario and to ensure that our 160-year tradition of excellence is maintained and enhanced now and in the future."

Recognized for his leadership and outstanding contribution to Catholic education, John received OCSOA's B. E. Nelligan Award and an Honorary Lifetime Membership Award from the Association of Parents in Catholic Education. CPCO is pleased to present the *Father John Redmond Memorial Award* to John Stunt for his outstanding contributions to Catholic education.



Julia Pellerin

The Distinguished Service Award is presented annually to an individual who has provided distinguished service to the membership of the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario over a period of time.

The 2010 recipient of this award exudes service. Julia Pellerin, principal of St. Christopher Catholic School in Oshawa has a long history of service to her colleagues in the Durham Catholic District School Board as well as to CPCO.

As a teacher and an administrator, Julia has always been on an executive whether it was OECTA Elementary or the Durham Catholic Principals and Vice-principals' Association. Julia has held various roles on these executives: councillor, elementary vice-principal councillor, treasurer, chair, past-chair and the council of district representatives delegate.

She has served on many committees locally and provincially with CPCO, advocating for Catholic education and for our principals and vice-principals. Julia has always felt it a privilege and a right to do so. She is currently a member of the CPCO standing committee on finance and attends council of district representatives meetings as one of Durham's delegates. Julia appreciates the opportunity to provide input and direction into the work of CPCO.

Julia has always felt that it is important to give back to her community. She began to volunteer as a young child because of the example set by her father, Robert. She has followed his model through her service in doing volunteer work in her parish as well as with the local seniors.

The Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario is pleased to present the *Distinguished Service Award* to Julia Pellerin in recognition of her commitment to Catholic education and to the service of her colleagues in the Durham Catholic DSB as well as principals and vice-principals throughout the province.



Joan Duckitt

The Past-president's Award is presented to the past-president of CPCO in recognition of service to the organization in the role of president and extended service as a member of the executive council.

Joan Duckitt joined the executive council in 2004 as an elementary councillor. She had extensive experience working with CPCO members prior to moving to the provincial executive. Her journey began with the Huron-Perth Catholic Principals' Association. She served on the local executive and eventually became the president. In that capacity, Joan had the opportunity to attend the council of district representatives meetings in Toronto.

In 2001 Joan took a position with the London District Catholic School Board and is currently principal of St. David School in Dorchester. Joan served as co-chair of the CPCO Conference, *Rooted in Faith* that was hosted by the London Principals' Association in 2003.

As a member of the executive council, she has acted as executive liaison to numerous CPCO committees, represented the organization on the *When Faith Meets Pedagogy* planning committee and served on the board of directors of the Catholic Curriculum Corporation (CCC). The highlight of Joan's career has been to serve as president of the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario during the 2008-09 school year. As president Joan was best known for her relentless advocacy to invoke ministry action on the strategies surrounding the role of the principal as articulated in the Ministry's 2005 *Excellence For All* document and the 2008 *Ontario Leadership Strategy*, both of which included recommendations to improve terms and conditions of employment for principals and vice-principals.

Joan's passion and dedication to her colleagues was evident throughout her term as president. CPCO wishes to congratulate and thank Joan for her many years of service to the principals and vice-principals in Ontario's publicly-funded Catholic schools.

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