



From Left: Joe Czackowski, Linda Frost, Patricia Manson

Distinguished Service Award

Nelly Kelders, Support Services Coordinator

The Distinguished Service Award was established by CPCO in 2003. It is presented to an individual who has provided distinguished service to the membership of the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario. The Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario would like to congratulate Linda Frost as the recipient of CPCO's 2011 Distinguished Service Award.

Linda Frost was engaged in Catholic education for 32 years as a teacher and administrator with the Durham Catholic District School Board. Her positive and professional approach in dealing with all stakeholders, colleagues, senior administrators, parents and students served as a model for other administrators.

Linda was genuinely enthusiastic about student learning and demonstrated a true passion for the children with special needs in her school communities. Linda always promoted collaboration, teamwork and a shared vision with all partners in the community to create the best possible inclusive learning environment for her students. The staff was simultaneously challenged and supported through professional development opportunities. She also demonstrated continued commitment to her own professional development to support her staff through involvement in many new and challenging initiatives.

Throughout her career, Linda was involved in her professional organizations beginning with the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA), where she spent many years as a member of the local and provincial executives. She was also a member of the Durham Catholic Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association, serving as chair for many years. In this capacity she played an instrumental role in supporting her colleagues in the transition from OECTA to their current status as members of the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario. Linda's service to her colleagues continued as she became involved in provincial committees and eventually being elected to the executive council where she held the position of treasurer.

Mentorship was important to Linda and she was able to discern leadership abilities and encouraged many of her teaching colleagues to become more involved in their professional organizations or to pursue the challenges of elementary school administrator. Although retired, Linda continues in her role as mentor working with the Faculty of Education at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) as a faculty advisor for teacher candidates as they prepare for their careers in education.



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