

Outstanding Educators Honoured by the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario

TORONTO, ONTARIO-- On May 1, 2009 the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario (CPCO) will recognize the recipients of its annual awards in Toronto during CPCO's annual gala dinner. Regional *Principal of the Year* awards will be presented to the following members: Tanya Buchanan, principal of St. Therese of the Child Jesus School, Mississauga, Ted Laxton, principal of Sacred Heart Separate School in Guelph, Shawn Moynihan, system principal of Leadership Discernment Program for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board, Sharon Oliver, principal of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic School in Coniston and St. Mark Catholic School in Markstay, Clara Pitoscia, principal of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School, Mississauga, and Alfie Sicoli, principal of Cathedral Catholic School, Pembroke.

Most Rev. Paul-André Durocher, bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall will receive the Fr. John Redmond Award for outstanding contribution to Catholic education in the province of Ontario. He is the chair of the Education Commission of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario. Bishop Durocher is often invited to speak at retreats, workshops and conferences.

Paul Carr, former principal with the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board and currently lecturing at Lakehead University, will receive the Distinguished Service Award for contributions to the membership of the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario.

Dan Tighe principal with the St. Clair Catholic District School Board and interim executor director of CPCO will receive the Past-president's Award for his four years of service on the provincial executive. Dan served as CPCO president from July 2007 to June 2008.