

# Board of Directors'

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## Justice James Higgins Award Winner



**Congratulations to Sr. Teresita Rose-Marie Kambeitz, OSU, on winning this well deserved award!**

The board reviewed a number of excellent nominations and determined that Sr. Teresita Rose-Marie Kambeitz, OSU, will be this year's recipient of the prestigious Justice James Higgins Award. The award is given annually to an individual or group who have made an outstanding contribution to Catholic education in Canada.

Sr. Kambeitz will be recognized at CCSTA's 2018 AGM/Convention in Kelowna, BC. Further details on Sr. Kambeitz's achievements will appear in a subsequent CCSTA newsletter, and in the 2018 AGM/Convention programme.

## New Chaplain Appointed

CCSTA is pleased to announce that, following approval from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Reverend Stefano Penna has been appointed as Chaplain to CCSTA.

A priest of the Diocese of Saskatoon since 1986, 31 blessed years, Fr. Stefano Penna's ministry, always rooted in parochial life, is dedicated to serving Catholic Education.

His work with all levels of Catholic Educational institutions on critical issues arising from engaging contemporary culture has led him to travel extensively across North America as lecturer, workshop facilitator, consultant, retreat master, mission preacher and animator of Catholic educational communities. He has graduate degrees from the Toronto School of Theology, the Gregorian University in Rome and Yale University. His particular loves are his nephews and nieces (ten), grand-nephews (three), gardening, and pasta. His greatest joy? Serving the Eucharistic Lord as Priest.



**CCSTA welcomes  
Reverend Stefano Penna  
to the Board**



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*“Enlivened by the Word of God and our tradition, we promote and protect the right to Catholic education in Canada. We speak as one.”*

## AGM/Convention Updates

Convention reports were received from Kelowna (2018) and Canmore (2019).

Convention planning is well underway for each venue, and registration is open for the Kelowna, BC AGM/Convention on June 7-9, 2018.

The Board approved the logo and speakers for the 2019 AGM/Convention in Canmore, AB.

CCSTA is accepting applications to host the 2020 AGM/Convention. Please contact the CCSTA office for more information.



## Budget 2019

The Board approved a proposed balanced budget for 2019, based on a 2% membership fee increase.

## Audited Financial Statements

The auditor’s report and financial statements were reviewed and approved by the board. Although the original 2017 budget forecasted a balanced budget, the Association is very pleased to report a surplus of \$20,234. Special thanks to the 2017 Niagara Falls AGM/Convention organizers for the profit realized from the event. As CCSTA operates on a very limited budget, these additional funds will be well used as we continue to promote Catholic education in Canada.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2017

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Independent Auditor's Report  
Statement of Financial Position  
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# Local Engagement Strategy



Following a very successful Lobby Day on Parliament Hill last fall, we are now engaging MPs in their own ridings and rolling out our strategy out on a province by province basis. In January, we began this endeavor in British Columbia where En-sight, our chosen government relations firm, worked with CCSTA's provincial board member, Colleen Easson.

MP's are identified and the local trustee is then asked to meet with their MP, speaking about Catholic Education and the impact it has on students across the country. To date we are very pleased with the results and have begun the process of setting up meetings in Alberta.

*Vivifiés par la parole de Dieu et notre tradition, nous veillons à promouvoir et à protéger le droit à l'éducation catholique au Canada. Nous parlons d'une même voix.*

## Toonies for Tuition / Contest

A reminder that our logo and poster contest closes at the end of February. We will be choosing the winner late March. Please visit the [CCSTA website](#) for more details.

The Toonies for Tuition campaign continues to gain traction and we would like to thank all schools, school boards and provincial associations who continue to raise funds to help students attend Catholic Schools where tuition fees are required. Please note that Toonies for Tuition now accepts donations on-line.

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## New Board Members

CCSTA would like to welcome Paul Bourassa (AB/NWT Yukon) and Reverend Stefano Penna (Chaplain) to the CCSTA Board. We look forward to working together to promote and protect Catholic education in Canada.



**Paul Bourassa, ACSTA**



**Reverend Stefano Penna**