

# Board of Directors' Highlights

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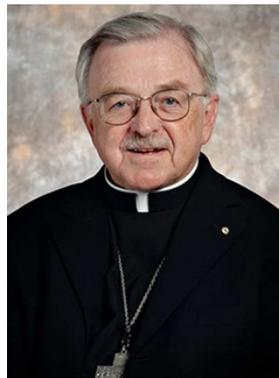
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## Justice James Higgins Award Winner



**Congratulations to Bishop Frederick Henry on winning this well deserved award! Bishop Henry will be recognized at CCSTA's 2017 AGM in Niagara Falls.**

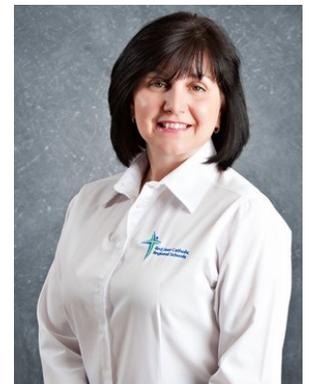
The board reviewed a number of excellent nominations and determined that Bishop Henry of Alberta will be this year's recipient of the prestigious Justice James Higgins Award. The award is given annually to an individual or group who have made an outstanding contribution to Catholic education in Canada.

Further details on Bishop Henry's achievements will appear in a subsequent CCSTA newsletter, and in the 2017 convention programme.

## Adriana LaGrange Elected Vice-President

Adriana LaGrange was elected as Vice-President of CCSTA, replacing Tony Sykora who passed away this past January.

Adriana is currently serving her second term as president of the Alberta Catholic School Trustees association and is a faith-filled energetic leader with a great passion for Catholic Education. We look forward to working with Adriana in her new role.



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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.”*

# World Catholic Education Day



This year’s theme is “And you will see me / Et vous me verrez - John 16,16”

CCSTA produced a poster and a statement on the contribution of Catholic education in Canada, which is to be read in each provincial and territorial legislature on May 25, 2017.

## Conventions and Finance



Convention reports were received from Niagara (2017) and Kelowna (2018).

The convention planning is well underway for each venue, and registration is open for the Niagara Falls AGM on June 1-3, 2017.

## Budget 2018

The Board approved a proposed balanced budget for 2018, 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 2016 budget forecasted a balanced budget, the Association is very pleased to report a surplus of \$6,449. Special thanks to the AGM 2016 Yellowknife 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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# Local Engagement Strategy with MPs

## Canada

The Resolutions and Political Affairs Committee reported on the Success of CCSTA's Local Engagement Strategy .

Board members have been meeting one-on-one with their local MPs to discuss the important and distinctive contribution that Catholic education makes across Canada.

This strategy will now be rolled out across the country and through their provincial associations. Board members will get other trustees engaged in this initiative.

*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.*

## Website update

The CCSTA website is now mobile friendly. An audit was done after the mobile website migration to ensure the site is completely bilingual.



## Future AGM Dates and Locations

The Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association application to host the 2019 AGM was approved by the Conventions and Finance Committee. The AGM will be held in either Kananaskis or Canmore Alberta. We will notify everyone once and site and date is finalized.

Please mark your calendars for future conventions and conferences.

AGM/Convention 2017

June 1-3, 2017 - Niagara Falls, ON

AGM/Convention 2018

June 7-9, 2018 - Kelowna, BC