



MOST REVEREND THOMAS COLLINS
ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO

1155 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario M4T 1W2
Tel: (416) 934-0606 • Fax: (416) 934-3452

November 6, 2009

Dear People of the Archdiocese of Toronto,

Catholic Education should be close to the heart of each person in our community of faith. It is through the active engagement of us all that our Catholic schools become what they are meant to be.

Catholic School Trustees play a noble role in Catholic education. As the name suggests, "trustees" are entrusted with safeguarding the mission and vision of Catholic Education. They must be people who have a deep faith, and a sense of responsibility for the common good of the children entrusted to their care.

We as a faith community must take responsibility for the quality of Catholic School governance, for we elect the trustees. Be sure that you are registered as a Catholic School supporter so that you can vote. Become knowledgeable about the issues facing your Catholic School district, and in the coming year get to know the candidates who run for trustee. When the time comes, be sure to vote for the one you believe, in all good conscience, to be most qualified to fulfil the office of Catholic School trustee.

To help those considering running for trustee to become more knowledgeable about the responsibilities of that important office, a brief course in trusteeship is being offered at St. Augustine's Seminary in January and February of 2010. I encourage those considering candidacy to take this course.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

+ Thomas Collins

Thomas Collins
Archbishop of Toronto

The Vocation of the Catholic School Board Trustee

St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto is presenting a series of workshops on **6 consecutive Saturdays, Jan. 9th. – Feb. 13th. 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, for anyone in the province of Ontario who is considering running for the position of Catholic trustee, is a present trustee, or any other persons who are interested.

The series will feature topics such as: The Mission and Overview of the Catholic School System, Historical and Legal issues in Catholic Education, Finance, Roles and Responsibilities, Election, and Skills required of a Catholic trustee.

A nominal fee of \$100.00 will be charged for the complete series. The fee must be paid by cash or cheque by **December 15, 2009**. Inquiries may be sent by email to: receptionist_sas@yahoo.ca or by telephone - 416-261-7207 – ext 221. Visit www.archtoronto.org for more information on topics and speakers.

**A Series of Workshops for those interested in the
"Vocation of the Catholic School Board Trustee"**
Offered for Present Trustees, those considering running for election and others...

Six Consecutive Saturdays – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

St. Augustine's Seminary
2661 Kingston Road
Scarborough, ON M1M 1M3
Telephone: 416-261-7207 – Ext. 221

<p>Saturday Jan. 9, 2010</p>	<p>The Nature and Purpose of Catholic Education: The Mission of the Catholic School</p> <p>Running for Trustee</p>	<p><i>John Kostoff</i>, Director of Education, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board</p> <p><i>Carol Devine</i>, Director of Legislative and Political Affairs, Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association</p>
<p>Saturday Jan. 16, 2010</p>	<p>The History of Catholic Education in Ontario Catholic Schools and Courts</p>	<p><i>Dr. Robert Dixon</i>, Adjunct Professor, St. Augustine's Seminary</p>
<p>Saturday Jan. 23, 2010</p>	<p>The Role and Responsibilities of the Catholic School Board</p> <p>The Role and Responsibilities of the Director of Education</p>	<p><i>Hugh M. Kelly</i>, Q.C. Solicitor, Miller Thomson</p> <p><i>Susan LaRosa</i>, Director of Education, York Catholic District School Board</p>
<p>Saturday Jan. 30, 2010</p>	<p>An Overview of the System of Education in Ontario</p>	<p><i>Dr. Brian O'Sullivan</i>, Superintendent of Education, Durham Catholic District School Board</p>
<p>Saturday Feb. 6, 2010</p>	<p>Education Funding AND Preparing a Board Budget</p>	<p><i>Peter Derochie</i>, Associate Director of Education, Business and Finance, Simcoe-Muskoka Catholic District School Board</p>
<p>Saturday Feb. 13, 2010</p>	<p>Other Critical Catholic School Board Functions</p> <p>Personal Traits and Skills Required of a Catholic Trustee</p>	<p><i>John Watts</i>, Program Director for the Supervisory Officers Qualifications Program</p> <p><i>Patrick J. Daly</i>, longtime chair and trustee on the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board</p>