

SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS

5 Years

Jennifer Betker
Rose Biczok
Gerry-Lynn Cousineau
Alina Hall
Maria Kirton
Laura Kurytnik
Angela Mitchelson
Michael Nerino
Christopher Pizziol
Paulette Romaniuk

10 Years

John Cousineau
Jacqueline Fenez
Lisa George
Laura Haner
Helen McKay
Bernadette Moen
Stacy Montgomery
Nicole Wood

15 Years

Anne-Marie Fitzgerald
Maria George
Lynn Konkle

20 Years

Lisa Cousineau
Shelly Jordbro
Patricia MacKenzie
Joanne Rush

30 years

David Sharp

35 Years

Darcy LeGros

Distinguished Catholic Leader

CUPE

Eileen Armstrong
Wayne Carter
Teresa McFayden
Marian Hyatt
Elaine Morris

Distinguished Catholic Leader

OECTA

Carol Derksen
Kathleen Mueller
Carla Sfreddo

Distinguished Catholic Leader

First Nations

Amanda Levesque
Kathy Perrault
Rob McGinnis

Distinguished Principal

Teresa Dennis

Distinguished Catholic Leader

Board/Program

Kathleen Mueller

Distinguished Catholic Leader Awards Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)



Eileen Armstrong - Our Lady of the Way School

Eileen has been an employee of the Board for 19 years. Eileen was nominated for this award for her kind and caring personality. She is particularly helpful to new staff members. She cares deeply about the children of Our Lady of the Way School. Eileen is never afraid to show her faith. Her smiles and laughter help keep a positive spirit among the staff.



Wayne Carter - Sacred Heart School

Wayne has been an employee of the Board for 14 years. He is a details person who takes the greatest pride in his workmanship. Wayne has been heard to say that he likes to take the same care of the school as he would his own home.

Wayne is very personable and treats the children, our visitors, the staff and parents with the greatest respect. He goes out of his

way to accommodate requests to the point of bringing projects home and working on them in his garage.

Wayne is a "Renaissance Man of the 21st Century", someone who is skilled in many areas...he can weld, wire things, correct refrigeration and plumbing problems, run computer programs, maintain whole schools and works heavy machinery. In this day and age, Wayne is certainly not the norm. Wayne is "Golden"!



Marian Hyatt - St. Francis School

Marian has been an employee of the Board for 17 years. She has a strong commitment to our Catholic school system. Marian demonstrates a strong work ethic and shows leadership qualities in a variety of areas but particularly in her role with CUPE. Marian is a conciliatory individual who believes in the win/win for all situations. Marian exhibits care and compassion while performing her duties as a custodian within St. Francis School. Marian lives with kindness and respect at the forefront.



Teresa McFayden - St. Michael's School

Teresa has been an employee of the Board for 18 years. She is extremely organized, knowledgeable and professional. She treats staff, students and families, and others in a professional, respectful way. She is always able to help staff, parents, and students and ALWAYS does it with a smile (or giggle).



Elaine Morris - St. Joseph's School

Elaine has been an employee of the Board for 17 years. Elaine is one of the most caring and respected members of St. Joseph's staff. Elaine consistently goes beyond the call of duty to help all members of the school community feel welcome and successful. She leads by example and always is a champion for students within the school community. Elaine makes it her mission during each school year, to know every student. The parent of a challenged student, upon registering their child for school noted that, "when we met Mrs. Morris for the first time, we knew everything would be alright and that we, as parents, could do this! She made our daughter feel special and others in the class accepted our daughter for who she was. I don't know how we could have done it without her! We are so blessed to have met such an incredible person." Students and staff alike adore Elaine for her compassion and love of staff and students.

Distinguished Catholic Leader Awards Ontario English Catholic Teachers - OECTA



Carol Derksen - St. Michael's School

Carol has been an employee of the Board for 4 years. She has always been welcoming and invites questions. She is a very organized individual who looks out for the good of all. She is highly motivated when working with students to ensure student achievement. She has worked diligently to bridge the gaps between school, home, and community agencies.



Kathy Mueller - St. Francis School

Kathy has worked for the Northwest Catholic District School Board for 28 years. Prior to moving into her position as the Catholicity Coordinator, Kathy taught across all grade levels, always demonstrating a high level of professionalism. She has worked tirelessly to remain current with the many changes within education. Kathy has high standards for herself and all those with whom she works. Kathy is an obvious and excellent model of our faith. Students and staff have benefitted from her sincere commitment to Catholicity. Despite having muscular sclerosis, whenever someone needs help, Kathy is there. She has been, and continues to be, an asset to our system.



Carla Sfreddo - St. Joseph's School

Carla has been teaching on a permanent basis at St. Joseph's School since 2002, primarily in the primary division. She cares deeply about the academic success of her students. She develops interesting and unique lessons that enable students to acquire a "passion for lifelong learning". All students within her classroom feel that they are cared for, respected, and loved. She has taken a lead role in the organization of the Terry Fox Run for a number of years. She participates in the organization of Catholic liturgies at the school level. Mrs. Sfreddo is a charismatic individual who truly cares for those around her.

Distinguished Catholic Leader Awards First Nations



Amanda Levesque - St. Michael's School

Amanda has been an invaluable asset to the Junior Kindergarten classroom. She is very motivated and helps maintain organization in the classroom. She has been helpful to all with her technological and computer skills. Amanda is organized, knowledgeable and professional. She treats staff, students and families in a professional and respectful manner. Amanda is extremely dedicated to assisting teachers and students.



Rob McGinnis - Our Lady of the Way School

Rob always took time to get to know the students on a personal level and to respond to their needs in a kind and caring manner. He was always the first in line to step up to the plate for children. He was especially important in the school as he was a wonderful role model for all students, especially the male students. He was active in coaching volleyball, basketball, baseball, soccer and track & field. Rob helped coach Our Lady of the Way School to its first ever Rainy River District Athletic Association championship.



Kathy Perrault - St. Francis School

Kathy is a loyal and dedicated employee for the Couchiching Band, working within the Northwest Catholic District School Board and most recently at St. Francis School. Kathy has demonstrated compassion, caring, and understanding to the students with whom she has worked. She is a very effective member of our school team. All staff and students are treated with respect, kindness and consideration. Kathy is reliable and dependable. She demonstrates sincerity and integrity in every aspect of her life. Her sense of humour brings a bit of levity to our day.

Distinguished Catholic Leader Catholic Principals' Council



Teresa Dennis - St. Francis School

Teresa has dedicated 34 years of service to Catholic education. Throughout these years, Teresa has assumed many important roles: classroom teacher, Curriculum and Special Education Coordinator and 8 years as a Principal.

Teresa leads with "passion, empathy and commitment, always modelling the teachings of Jesus!" As an instructional leader, she has worked in a collaborative manner with all stakeholders to develop a vision and an action plan for improved student achievement. From 2004 to 2009, Teresa served as the local representative for the Catholic Principals' Council

of Ontario. She has also served as a Principal leader on the Leading Student Achievement Project that supports professional development and research to support student achievement. Teresa serves the children and families of St. Francis School with a high degree of commitment, professionalism and leadership.

Distinguished Catholic Leader Board/Program Staff



Kathy Mueller - Fort Frances Board Office

Kathy exemplifies who we are as a Catholic education system. She lives, breathes and models her faith at all times. Even during times of personal challenges, Kathy always maintains a strong persona; never losing her faith or positive attitude.

She is kind and compassionate with her co-workers and peers. Her commitment to the students, staff and Catholic education is unquestionable.

Kathy is the hope in our "Schools of Hope".



Merci!

Miigwech!

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we congratulate all of our award recipients.

We thank all our staff for their dedication to Catholic Education.

Sincerely,

Anne-Marie Fitzgerald, Board Chair

Fort Frances Community

John Borst, Board Vice Chair, Dryden Community

Cathy Bowen - Sioux Lookout Community

Mark Chojko-Bolec - Stratton Community

Paul Cousineau - Fort Frances Community

Harold Huntley - Fort Frances Community

Jim Leonard - First Nation Communities

Robert van Oort - Dryden Community

John McInnis - Atikokan Community



Special

*Thank
You!*

to:



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- ❁ *Father Francis Pudicherry for offering the Prayers and Blessings for our celebration.*

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REJOICING IN HOPE*

Hope in our Hearts

Hope in our Homes

Hope in our Schools

Hope in our Communities

Hope in our World



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