

## **The 4<sup>th</sup> Moira Ste. Marie Memorial Lecture Series**

was hosted by The Toronto Diocesan Council, organized by Ann D'Souza, Past President, along with the committee Mary Hawkley & Mary Capobianco, Life Members.

It was held on Wednesday, October 2021, from 7pm to 9pm, it was the first virtual presentation. Registration was done via the Toronto Diocesan website.

The topic was on "Catholic Education "Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together"

There was a total of 176 registered, 109 were online some attended with their family totaling to 122.

We had a panel of 3 distinguished speakers:

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| Patrick Daly | President of Canadian Association of Trustees and President of Ontario Catholic Trustees                  |
| Anne O'Brien | Director of Catholic Education Ontario Catholic School Board Trustees' Association                        |
| Barry White  | Founding member of the Catholic Teachers Guild of Toronto. Interim Director of St. Michael's Choir School |

The topics they addressed covered:

- ❖ In the face of the ongoing reality of the COVID-19 pandemic, how do we rebuild, restore, and renew our Catholic schools to meet the academic, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of our students and teachers?
- ❖ Post-pandemic, as families connect and re-engage with their Catholic schools, their communities, and their parishes, how can we continue to rebuild, restore, and renew the essential relationships?
- ❖ A look at the ever-present danger to the Catholic system from the political viewpoint.
- ❖ In recognition of the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Year of Laudato Si', what next steps must we take to continue to rebuild, restore and renew Our Common Home.

It was a successful event, the feedback from the audience was good, received many accolades, how smoothly it ran and how informative, insightful, engaging and inspiring it was, that the three speakers were knowledgeable, energetic, and demonstrated personal commitment to Catholic Education.

The speakers waived their stipend, a donation of \$1000/- was made to the Mikinakoos Children's Fund that helps indigenous children in northwestern Ontario  
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