



## **ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC HONOURS OUTSTANDING LEADERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED PROVINCIAL RECOGNITION**

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board has acknowledged three outstanding leaders, who have recently received provincial recognition:

- Ray Power – Principal of the Year, Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario
- Deb Crawford – Vice President, Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers' Association
- Linda Ward – Regional Director, Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association

"It is especially rewarding, and worth noting, whenever outside organizations recognize what we at St. Clair Catholic already know to be true – that we have an abundance of talented and outstanding leaders," says Carol Bryden, Chair of the Board.

"We see it every day in the work that they do on behalf of our students and families; and in the ways in which they help guide us to live the mission of Catholic education and to achieve our strategic goals," says Mrs. Bryden.

"Ray, Deb and Linda are just three from among our many, many leaders, who serve St. Clair Catholic with distinction," says Dan Parr, Director of Education.

"John Maxwell, the American author, speaker and pastor who has written many books on the subject of leadership describes a leader as one who '...knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.' We can take great pride in all of the hard-working and gifted leaders at St. Clair Catholic who do just that every day," says Mr. Parr.

Brief summaries of the noted recent achievements for Ray Power, Deb Crawford and Linda Ward follow.

### **Ray Power – Principal, Ursuline College**

Ursuline College Principal Ray Power has been honoured as CPCO's 2015 Principal of the Year. The award is given annually for outstanding school and community leadership. Ray has served on CPCO committees since 2007. In September 2010 he accepted a position on the Council of District Representatives. From 2011 to 2013 he served on the Minister's Principal Reference Group and was President of St. Clair CPCO from 2012 to 2014. He currently serves as Past-President on the Executive. Ray was also recognized for his work in Special Education, Safe and Inclusive Schools and serving at-risk students.

**Deb Crawford – Superintendent of Education**

Superintendent of Education Deb Crawford has been acclaimed to the position of Vice President of the Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers' Association (OCSOA), which is dedicated to furthering the interests of Catholic education and promoting the professional development and welfare of its members. In this role, Deb will be called on to work with her OCSOA colleagues to promote and celebrate Catholic education. She will work with the executive team to build partnerships locally, provincially, nationally and internationally to ensure representation of OCSOA at consultations and committees in order to serve Catholic education and support the role of Catholic system leaders.

**Linda Ward -- Trustee**

Trustee Linda Ward has been acclaimed to the position of Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Director for Region 5, a position she has held since 2007. Linda has been a Catholic Trustee since 1991 and has served on various regional and provincial committees, including Legislation and Finance, Office Management, Catholic Education, Conference and Labour Relations. Linda has also served on the Minister's Advisory Committee for Special Education and is a regular participant in the Queen's Park Lobby Days. She currently serves as OCSTA's representative to the Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario.

***In the photo above are (L-R) Ray Power, Principal, Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School; Deb Crawford, Superintendent of Education; and Dan Parr, Director of Education. Absent – Linda Ward, Trustee.***