



# Symposium Update

June 26, 2017

## A HUGE THANK YOU!

We asked you to join in an important conversation about Catholic Education in the province of Ontario and you responded in a big way!

Participants, both French and English, were asked to offer their thoughts in response to three open-ended questions:

- 1) What are some ways that Catholic education in Ontario supports students to be living witnesses to their faith in Jesus Christ?
- 2) What are some current challenges facing Catholic education in Ontario?
- 3) What are some opportunities for Catholic education in Ontario that will help shape a positive future?

### By the Numbers:

When the consultation process closed on Friday, June 23, 2017, the Thoughtexchange had registered 7,962 discrete participants to the engagement exercise. A HUGE thank you is extended to all who participated and the school boards and partner organizations that did so much to encourage participation.

 <b>PEOPLE</b> 7,962	PARENT	2,819
	STUDENT	497
	SUPPORT STAFF – NON TEACHING	593
 <b>THOUGHTS</b> 24,394	CLERGY	123
	TRUSTEE	159
	ADMINISTRATOR	1,142
 <b>STARS</b> 478,249	TEACHER	2,221
	COMMUNITY MEMBER	395

While the symposium on November 14-15, 2017 will bring together approximately 750 participants including all 29 English Catholic school boards, 8 French Catholic school Boards and a number of individuals representing organizations across the Catholic educational community, the Pre-Symposium consultation provides for the broadest possible participation and representation from across the province, and ensures that all voices and all perspectives have been heard, and will be represented.

### What's next?

The data will be collated, categorized and analyzed by *Thoughtexchange* and provided to ICE and OPECO. This comprehensive snapshot, reflecting the lived experience of those involved in Catholic education today, as well as their perceptions of particular challenges and opportunities, will serve as the basis for the specific conversation that will unfold when Board teams gather to participate in the Symposium in November.

Preliminary data collected from our consultation will be shared with school board teams early in the fall of 2017. The symposium will provide an opportunity for a deeper exploration of the data. Ultimately, a comprehensive summary and analysis of the consultation will be available to all interested stakeholders, and will be posted on the ICE website.