

Mario Pascucci acclaimed chair of Dufferin-Peel Board

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Dec. 1, acclaimed Mississauga Trustee Mario Pascucci as chair of the 11-member board.

During his 32 years as a trustee, Pascucci has served in various leadership capacities, including five previous terms as chair of the board. He has also served as chair of the Board's Administration and Finance Committee, Audit, and Faith and Program Committees. Mississauga Trustee Thomas Thomas was elected vice-chair. He has also served in various leadership capacities during his 11 years on the board.

"I am humbled to be chosen as chair by my fellow trustees," Pascucci said. "I will do my best to represent this board and the community we serve. We have an awesome responsibility, both individually and collectively, and we look forward to continuing to spread the good news of Catholic education in Dufferin-Peel wherever we go."

The meeting opened with the annual address to the board by Director of Education John Kostoff, who recognized and thanked system partners, including employee groups, trustees and staff at all levels for their commitment and dedication to Catholic education. Kostoff outlined another successful year for the board, recounting a list of achievements and accomplishments. Kostoff, who is retiring in January, referenced the words of Pope Francis, who declared the Jubilee Year of Mercy beginning Dec. 8. "Let us seek and grant forgiveness to all who come to our door," he said, adding, "I can only image the impact this statement and the coming year will have on our students. Let us all, whatever our role, continue our mission in the tradition of our faith, to educate, guide and support all who come through our doors."