

## PAST-PRESIDENT'S AWARD



**Jim Minello**  
Windsor-Essex CDSB

For over 30 years, Jim Minello has served the school communities of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board. During this time Jim taught a variety of different subjects including English language, dramatic arts, Catholic studies and co-operative education. Jim's leadership experience has seen him serve four different secondary school communities. In each school, his professional demeanour and positive interaction with staff and students have provided the foundation for successful relationships and improved student learning.

Jim has been a member of CPCO since 1998 when he was vice-principal of Cardinal Carter Secondary School. During his career he has been actively involved with both local and provincial committees, including Political Action, Member Security and Constitution. Currently, Jim holds the position of Past-president, after fulfilling his role as CPCO President during the 2011-12 year. His critical analysis of situations allowed him to formulate well thought out solutions to challenging problems both locally and provincially.

Jim is active in his home parish serving as a lector and external Minister of the Eucharist. Recently, he addressed his parish community to enlighten them about the value of Catholic education in today's society. His message revealed the need to honour each child's unique gifts, learning styles and differences. Jim works extremely hard to create a school culture that provides service to students and support to staff within a faith-based community that is rooted in the gospel messages and teachings of Christ.

Volunteering has always been viewed as a natural way of life for Jim. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and is also the director of fundraising for the prestigious University of Windsor High School Boys' Basketball Tournament. In addition, Jim sits on the Board of Directors for the University of Windsor Alumni Association. His volunteer efforts have always focused on providing additional opportunities for youth in the Windsor-Essex community, especially in the area of athletics where he has coached for more than 30 years.

For the past 26 years, Jim has been married to his wife Patty. They have three grown children, Nicholas, Lauren and Michael. Jim would like to thank them for their constant love and support.

Jim works tirelessly serving others. His servant leadership, welcoming ways and passion for Catholic education are true testaments of his personal character. Jim Minello has truly embraced his Catholic vocation!

The Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario would like to thank Jim for his tremendous contributions and dedication to Catholic education, and in particular for his service to the Catholic principals and vice-principals of this province.