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The Archbishop Francis J. Spence Catholic Teacher of the Year Award



The recipient of the Archbishop Francis J. Spence Catholic Teacher of the Year Award is a member in good standing of the Ontario College of Teachers; exemplifies the spirit of the Mission Statement of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board; has rendered meritorious service to Catholic education in the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board; has been active in Catholic education during the current school year; has made an ongoing commitment and contribution to Catholic education; and is committed to the teachings of the Catholic Church through community and parish life.

This year's recipient is **John Corrigan**.

John, better known as Mr. C, currently teaches an Early Years class at St. Joseph/St. Mary Catholic School in Kingston, the last class remaining before the school closes this June.

John provides a warm, inviting environment in the classroom, and is proud of each of the students he teaches. In addition to creating excellent academic opportunities, he infuses his lessons with values, faith, and respect, providing the tools children need to succeed.

The young students in John's class learn what Jesus is all about ... loving one another, getting along with each other, respecting each other. He accompanies them to St. Joseph's Church to celebrate monthly school masses with students from St. Thomas More and St. Paul. Their participation and respect reflects how well they have been prepared.

John shares his love of theatre with his students, producing a Vaudeville show at the end of each year. He also teaches the children to give back to the community through various fundraising efforts, from hat and mitten tree donations to support for flood victims in Manitoba.

John believes he has been blessed in his role as a Catholic teacher. Truly, every student and every parent has been blessed by his work over the many years.