



## ONTARIO CATHOLIC SUPERVISORY OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

### NOMINATION NOTICE

#### ***B.E. Nelligan Award Of Merit 2026***

##### ***The Award***

The B.E. Nelligan Award of Merit, instituted in 1985, "honors the person who, as the first Director of Education for the Metropolitan Separate School Board, exemplified the noblest qualities of leadership in Catholic Education".

The Award recognizes "*A person who has made an outstanding and tangible contribution to Catholic Education in Ontario*".

##### ***Presentation***

A **WALL PLAQUE** with citation and previous recipients is located in the offices of the Association. An **ETCHED GLASS AWARD** with citation is presented to the recipient at the OCSOA Annual General Meeting.

##### ***Submit nominations to:***

John Kostoff, Executive-Director  
Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers' Association  
730 Courtneypark Dr. W.  
Mississauga, Ontario L5W 1L9

or [johnkostoff@ocsoa.ca](mailto:johnkostoff@ocsoa.ca)

**Nomination deadline: JANUARY 30, 2026**

##### ***Nomination Procedure***

A letter of nomination shall include:

- a rationale describing the outstanding and tangible contribution of the nominee to Catholic Education in Ontario;
- a concise curriculum vitae of the nominee;
- the support of three (3) Active OCSOA Members;
- The Executive-Director must receive eligible nominations by **January 30, 2026**

##### ***Selection Process***

- The Executive-Director will forward the nominations to the Awards Committee;

- The Awards Committee shall provide a recommendation to the Board of Directors for ratification;
- the Board of Directors shall decide whether the Award is to be presented. A decision of the Board is final.

## **B.E. NELLIGAN AWARD RECIPIENTS**

|           |                                    |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 1985      | Frank Clifford                     |
| 1986      | Rolly Fobert                       |
| 1986      | Tom Reilly                         |
| 1987      | His Eminence, G.E. Cardinal Carter |
| 1988      | Dr. John Vintar                    |
| 1989      | Pat Brennan                        |
| 1990      | Guy O'Brien                        |
| 1991      | Frank Turner                       |
| 1992      | William Bolger                     |
| 1992      | James Hansen                       |
| 1993      | Dr. J.J. Flynn                     |
| 1994      | Peter Ferren                       |
| 1995      | Msgr. Dennis Murphy                |
| 1996      | Paul J. Blake                      |
| 1997      | Vincenza Travale                   |
| 1998      | Tony Truscello                     |
| 1999      | Dr. W. Crossan                     |
|           | Eleanor Shannon                    |
| 2000      | James McGirr                       |
| 2001      | Frank Musca                        |
| 2002      | John Stunt                         |
| 2003      | Patrick Dunne                      |
| 2004      | Bishop J. Doyle                    |
| 2005      | Sr. Joan Cronin                    |
| 2006      | John W. Watts                      |
| 2007      | John Wheatley                      |
| 2008      | Archbishop M. Gervais              |
|           | Edward J. Moore                    |
| 2009      | Kevin Kobus                        |
| 2010      | Greg McNally                       |
| 2011      | Lorne Keon                         |
|           | Phil DiFrancesco                   |
| 2012      | Don Drone                          |
| 2013      | Roger Lawler                       |
| 2014      | Mary Anne O'Leary                  |
|           | Fred Sweeney                       |
| 2015      | Dr. Robert Dixon                   |
| 2016      | Corrie Gicante                     |
|           | Theresa Harris                     |
| 2017      | Fr. Frank Kavanagh, OMI            |
| 2018      | Michael Pautler                    |
| 2019      | Michael Schmitt                    |
| 2020/2021 | Patricia Manson                    |
| 2023      | Thomas John Fauteux                |
| 2024      | Loretta Rose Notten                |
| 2025      | Linda E. Staudt                    |