



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **NIAGARA CATHOLIC RECOGNIZES VOLUNTEERS DURING VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION WEEK**

Every day, volunteers bring their time, talents and expertise into Niagara Catholic elementary and secondary schools. They come from all walks of life. Some are parents. Others are not. They share the common interest of giving back to their community through their service and commitment to Catholic education.

On April 7, Niagara Catholic recognized approximately 250 of these men and women during a breakfast at the Holiday Inn and Suites Parkway Convention Centre.

Board Chair Kathy Burtnik and Director of Education John Crocco praised the energy and enthusiasm with which volunteers serve in Niagara Catholic schools, calling their contribution *“vital to our schools”* and *“critical to student achievement.”*

Student Trustee/Student Senate Co-Chair Vincent Atallah and Niko Tripodi, Co-Chair of the Elementary Student Senate spoke on behalf of students, and thanked the volunteers for all they do for students.

*“I can confidently say that throughout my schooling in the Catholic education system, I have experienced first-hand the benefit and need for our volunteers,”* said Vincent.

*“We are blessed to have families who are willing to go above and beyond to support us through our educational journeys,”* Niko said. *“We are touched and inspired by your kind actions. It is your belief in us that propels us to greatness.”*

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