

ST. ANN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINS NATIONAL AWARD FOR SERVICE

Niagara Catholic is proud to announce that St. Ann Catholic Elementary School in St. Catharines is the 2018 recipient of the Fred Shaddick Community Spirit Award, presented by Muscular Dystrophy Canada.

The school has been an active supporter of Muscular Dystrophy Canada, particularly supporting student Chris Mino, who graduated from Grade 8 in June. Chris's Grade 8 class, under the guidance of teacher Beth Hulan, spearheaded the *Move it for Mino* campaign. This student-led initiative caught the attention of Muscular Dystrophy Canada, which credits the school's support of the organization and the family in selecting them for the Award.

"St. Ann Catholic (Elementary) School has been an instrumental partner in raising funds and support for Move it for Mino, and supporting the Mino family in numerous ways," said Barbara Stead-Coyle, CEO of Muscular Dystrophy Canada. *"The generosity, open-mindedness and kindness demonstrated by the entire school community is inspirational. We are honoured to present them with the 2018 Fred Shaddick Community Spirit Award."*

Director of Education John Crocco praised the students for their generosity and compassion.

"I am exceptionally proud to hear this great news about students and staff supporting a classmate and student," said Mr. Crocco. *"The actions of these students and staff focus on the dignity of the human person and call to family, community and participation, as we are taught by our Catholic faith. Congratulations to St. Ann Catholic Elementary School for this tremendous honour, and congratulations to the student leaders behind this effort who have now moved on to Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School. This is a very worthy honour, and the entire Niagara Catholic family is very proud of you."*

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