

Salute to the Federation

This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Federation of English-speaking Catholic Teachers. The first organized group of English Catholic teachers in the province, Federation has always been in the vanguard of the fight to obtain basic rights for teachers — a long, tedious, and apparently endless struggle. For many years Federation stood alone — often castigated, often powerless, but always courageous.

It has always recognized its unique role as a spokesman for English Catholics across the province, and it was Federation, when the time was ripe in the late fifties, which relinquished its right to represent teachers in the entire province, and set to work with others to found the Provincial Association of Catholic Teachers.

To deny Federation the credit for the foundation of P.A.C.T. is to fly in the face of history.

Moreover, Federation has over the years, been largely responsible for the continued existence of P.A.C.T. Its financial support has been outstanding. However, the real contribution of the Federation to P.A.C.T. and to the teaching profession in Quebec, has been the constant supply of dedicated men and women it has provided.

Federation, we are confident, will continue its excellent work during the next twenty-five years to the benefit of the entire English Catholic community of the Province of Quebec.

Happy Birthday from all of us!!

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