



# CPCO Conference 2017: what to expect

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Our annual conference is less than a month away!

This year, the event features an incredible line-up of keynote speakers and several excellent breakout sessions guided by industry leaders.

The Opening Keynote is by **Bruce Rodrigues**, Deputy Minister of Education. As an exemplary thought leader and role model for humble and merciful leadership in education, he will set the tone for this year's conference theme: *Walking Each Other Home*. Recognizing the work that we do as leaders in Catholic Education can be all-consuming — especially in times of “initiative fatigue” — Bruce reminds us of the importance of support, stewardship, accompaniment and encounter, and our commitment to walking each other home. You can read more about his keynote [on our website](#).

We are also delighted to welcome **Michael Bungay Stanier** as our Second Keynote this year (Michael will also host a breakout session later in the day). His keynote presentation will address how to master five essential questions that can help leaders increase the focus, courage and resilience they need to have more impact in the work they do. Below the article is a preview of his keynote, and here is [a feature post he recently wrote exclusively for the CPCO blog](#).

Our Closing Keynote this year is **Pasi Sahlberg**: Finnish educator, author and scholar. Pasi has worked as a school teacher, teacher educator, researcher and policy advisor in Finland, and has examined education systems around the world. He is the author of the bestselling book *Finnish Lessons 2.0: What can the world learn from educational change in Finland*. He is also a former Director General of Centre for International Mobility and Cooperation at the Finland's Ministry of Education and Culture in Helsinki, and a visiting Professor of Practice at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education in Cambridge, MA, USA. He is currently a visiting scholar at Arizona State University. His presentation at the CPCO Conference will explore the relationship between leadership, equity, student achievement and well-being — respective of Ontario's very diverse populations and conditions.



**Bruce Rodrigues**



**Michael Bungay Stanier**



**Pasi Sahlberg**



**Dr. Gregory Wells**



**Sr. Maureen Sullivan**



**Dr. Alex Russell**

The conference will also feature four interactive breakout sessions. [Full details are available on our website.](#)

You can review [the conference program](#) anytime to help you plan the day ahead, and remember that there is still time to register!

**Registration officially closes on Monday, Oct. 23, at 4 p.m. [You can register anytime before that on our website.](#)**

We look forward to seeing you at the CPCO Conference 2017!

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