



## Toby Goes to Catholic School: Ontario Catholic School Board Policy and the Protection of Gender Expression

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**What is this article about?** How the meaning of gender identity and gender expression human rights protections is being understood and shaped by Ontario Catholic school boards.

**Why does this matter?** GE and GI human rights protections are new in Canadian law, and these grounds' inclusion in Catholic school policy has been widely covered in media but not studied.

**What did we do?** We collected and analyzed every single publicly available Ontario public Catholic school board policy document that contains gender expression (GE) and/or gender identity (GI).

Gender expression is often absent and is conflated with the separate ground of gender identity.

Catholic school boards are not providing guidance to school staff on supporting transgender students.

Gender expression protections are misunderstood as being in conflict with Catholic doctrine.

This article is currently under review! Check back soon.

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