

**Antonio Cuffaro** honoured with the medal of  
**Cavaliere dell'Ordine della Stella d'Italia**

It is with great pride that The National Congress of Italian - Canadians (National Capital District) extends sincere congratulations to Signor Antonio Cuffaro on receiving the distinguished honour of Cavaliere dell'Ordine della Stella d'Italia (OSI).

This meritorious decoration was bestowed on Signor Cuffaro by S.E. Claudio Taffuri at the Festa Della Repubblica ceremony, held on June 12th, at the residence of the Italian Ambassador.

Antonio Cuffaro has been the longtime President of the Società Sicula as well as an Executive member of the National Congress of Italian-Canadians (National Capital District) for many years. Signor Cuffaro also served as the President, Comites (2013-2015) and as the President of Settimana Italiana in 1985. Italian Week Ottawa honoured his service at their Gala Dinner in 2015. Signor Cuffaro was very instrumental, with many other community members, in the construction of the statue of Father Jerome Ferraro, located at St. Anthony's Church.

Signor Cuffaro has put in countless hours in a host of other community activities, including dedicating his time to the annual Carnevale dei Bambini and St. Anthony's Church.

Again, congratulations to a most deserved individual in his reception of such a grand honour.

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