

2022 Questionnaire

Ontario Catholic School Trustees

The Catholic Church considers that elected democratic office is a position of immense responsibility, to be held in high trust and exercised with great humility, wisdom, and responsibility, in the interest of the common good.

This is particularly true with respect to those who seek to govern publicly-funded Catholic Schools. Education is of first importance for the future of our society; and Catholic education, properly conducted, can be of unique importance in passing our faith to future generations. Few endeavors offer comparable opportunities to integrate faith into the entire range of personal and social values for future generations.

The Church teaches that the ultimate purpose of this life is to seek the truth, which is God. “God is the ultimate end of his creatures and for no reason may the common good be deprived of its transcendent dimension.” This truth is most effectively communicated to our children by their families, parishes, and schools.

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YOUR VISION FOR SERVICE AS A TRUSTEE

Adapted from OCSTA’s “Becoming a Catholic School Trustee”

Catholic schools are not alternate public schools. In addition to the curriculum presented by secular schools, Catholic schools provide religious instruction, impart Gospel values, and display religious symbols, and serve as a critical part of the Church’s mission to evangelize youth. Catholic parents freely choose to send their children to Catholic schools with the full expectation that they will be socialized into a faith community in which the person and message of Jesus is central to instruction in all subject areas.

The distinctiveness of Catholic schools arises from their teaching students to incorporate the person and the message of Jesus Christ in all aspects of their lives, while our secular society makes the human

person the measure of all things. Catholic schools provide the spiritual and transcendent dimension which says that God is ultimately the measure and meaning of life.

Q. 1. What draws you to the vocation of service as a Catholic school trustee?

_____ I am a product of the Catholic School Board and my children have also been raised within the HCDSB. I have served on School Councils for many years and wanted to use my God given talents ___to assist in any way that I could. This would be my second term as a HCDSB Trustee and I am also a Director representing Region 13 within OCSTA. I believe the Catholic School board is a great place and enjoy working together to make it the best it can be.

Q. 2. What do you hope to accomplish as a Catholic school trustee?

_____ Good Governance, ensuring fiduciary responsibility as well as student achievement within the Education Act.. I currently take my Duty of Care seriously and will continue to do so.

Q. 3. What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve as a Catholic school trustee?

_____ Love of the children, love of my church, desire to assist in any capacity, over 30 years experience within Operations /Distribution/Logistics Companies. Experiences in HR/conflict resolution/Budget planning/Masters of Science in Education

[we invite you to attach a copy of your resume]

Catholic school trustees are called to express their personal faith in full communion with and participation in the faith life of the Catholic Church.

Q.4. In your view, what are the most important contributions Catholic education can make to the lives of children, and the communities they will become part of?

___Instilling a sense of a belonging community which has love as the foundation of this community. Student Achievement and Believing is a very important element of the children’s lives.

Q. 5. Please describe the nature of your devotion to Christ and the Catholic Church, including ways in which you witness to your faith in your daily life.

___ Witness of faith is a very personal question . I am very comfortable with my faith and the ways in which I practice. _____

Q.6. As a trustee, how do you propose to ensure that the sacramental needs of Catholic students are supported by the Catholic school system?

Q.7. In addition to ensuring that students are taught the Catholic notion of incorporating faith into all aspects of our lives, trustees are responsible for ensuring that students are encouraged to do their very best in all their studies, covering the full range of provincial educational curricula. How do you see yourself assisting in that process?

___ Working with the other Trustees and with the Director of Education and all of their staff to make the best decisions based upon correct information and the proper data within the Education Act. _____

Q.8. In order to ensure that Catholic schools and the communities they teach in remain true to the Catholic faith, it is important that Catholic school boards and individual trustees remain in contact with their local parishes and bishops. What is your plan for remaining in touch?

___ Not applicable_ to remain intouch...always in touch. _____

Q.9. Some have proposed that separate Catholic schools be abolished. In what ways do you envision yourself advocating for the continuing rights of Catholics to educate their children in separate Catholic public schools?

___ Our Catholic Schools are the best of best...I will continue to advocate that Student Achievement encompasses many different areas and we will continue to move forward to improve any areas that may need assistance. At the end of the day, we offer our children the best education out there. _____

Q.10. Trustees are responsible to students and parents for ensuring that the fullness of Catholic values, beliefs and teachings are passed on to our children, and for helping to ensure that our

children carry those values and teachings into the broader community. How do you propose to ensure that you yourself are aware of the full range of matter you will be expected to impart to students?

_____ Listen twice- speak once

Q.11. As elected public officials, trustees are accountable to their constituents for prudent, wise, and equitable use of resources, in an open and accountable fashion. In what specific ways do you propose to discharge that duty?

_____ I believe over the past years I have been able to discharge this duty and will continue to do so.._____

Q.12. It is a statutory requirement that candidates for the office of Catholic public school trustee be Catholic. Please attach a copy of a letter of reference from your pastor confirming your Catholicity, or other evidence, if available.

[attach letter of reference]

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