

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 decided to run as a trustee for a number of reasons. Primarily I would like to renew and revitalize the board by representing the wants and needs of the parents and taxpayers. Some of the current trustees do not represent the parents and taxpayers on various issues and this has to change. As well, at the board level every trustee's views and opinions must be heard and there can be no silencing of debate. The rules need to change and we must have honest, intelligent discussions.

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

I want to get life back to normal for the children. These last two years have been very hard on the children emotionally and spiritually and we need to put their welfare in the highest regard. Some of my ideas include advocating for Health and Wellness, teaching the children about the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and our Laws, getting back to teaching the basics, enhancing the teaching of Christian values and morals, advocating for special days to invigorate the Catholic community and assisting the teachers with any extra costs they need for their classroom.

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

Being a Professional Engineer I have a wealth of experience in the business world in regard to setting budgets, managing staff, negotiating, solving problems, making decisions and building relationships. I have also done a large amount of volunteer work mostly coaching adults, teenagers and children. My overall past makes me very suited for this challenge.

You may also attach your resume.

Attach 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?

I believe that the Catholic teachings set a course for everyone to lead a good life and be a citizen with morals and common decency. Community is very important to everyone's well being and personal life and when you're part of a group you have purpose and common goals.

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.

I pray often and go to church regularly. God doesn't always grant what I request, but I believe he gives me guidance. He can only do so much as we are all born with a heart, a mind and a spirit so we still in the end have to make our own decisions.

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?

I think the churches and schools need to be more aligned. I have talked to a number of priests and parents who feel that the schools should be more Catholic. If I am elected I will put together a community group as an advisory committee to assist me with policy issues moving forward. I will be talking regularly with local church and community groups, parents, students, priests and taxpayers.

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?

Children need to be challenged at school to enhance their mental abilities to achieve their potential plus they need to be healthy in body, mind and spirit. All are connected. If they are having personal and family problems outside of school (and everyone has problems) then school should be their solace away from these distractions. The children at school should be free from any outside influences that negatively harm their life. We need to revise the learning day and the courses to do this and I will be advocating for positive changes.

As well, I am hearing from students that Grade 12 did not prepare them well for university. This will be investigated.

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?

I am hoping to have regular meetings with the priests and bishops in the area to hear their concerns. It would be good if they visited the schools more but of course their extra time is limited with the many things they do.

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?

I will be advocating for the Catholic schools to remain while at the same time trying to enhance the teaching. There is a good demand for Catholic schools as we do allow a good number of non Catholics to attend.

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?

I will need to study what is actually being taught and am hoping to sit and talk with a number of the administrators and teachers plus visit the classrooms a bit while teaching is going on. The other trustees will need to assist me too. I am a fast learner.

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?

As mentioned in a previous question I will be putting together an advisory group to assist me which will have regular meetings. Everything will be clear and transparent. Regular emails to parents and taxpayers will be sent. I need their input.



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

Pressing SUBMIT will cause a copy of this document to be returned to Catholic Conscience, for posting on our website for use by voters in choosing trustees. Should you wish later to revise or withdraw your responses, please contact us at info@CatholicConscience.org.

Thank you for helping to improve our electoral process and our schools!

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Profile

Successful and innovative sales manager in the machinery business with an excellent track record of meeting and exceeding budgets, goals and objectives. Strong skills in communications, negotiation, office management, project management, purchasing, service, training of employees and customer support.

Highlights of Qualifications

- Progressive career development from Sales Engineering to Regional Sales Management.
- Diversified experience with industrial equipment. Sold water and waste treatment systems, steam turbine generators and process blowers/vacuum systems of various sizes and complexities from \$ 10,000 to \$ 10,000,000 in value.
- Increased sales over 700% in three years in new markets and territories in North America and overseas.
- Long track record of receiving repeat business from major companies with quality competition.
- Effectively solved equipment problems with all levels of company management related to both technical and commercial issues.
- Excellent business relations in Canada, the US, Europe and Asia.
- Successfully sold to OEMs, engineering firms, large and small industrial companies, municipalities and contractors worldwide.
- P. Eng, Bachelor of Engineering Science and Business Certificate recipient complimented with continuous professional development.
- Excellent at multi-tasking, handling complex issues and meeting schedules.
- Extremely customer focused and results driven.

Professional Experience

Sales and Marketing

- Effectively managed a company regional office with four employees and inside sales coordination.
- Developed marketing plans for new and existing products.
- Trained and mentored staff to meet their objectives and achieve success.
- Developed proposals, layouts and cost estimates from detailed customer specifications.
- Organized and attended trade shows and conferences in North and South America.
- Hired, trained and evaluated employees and company representatives.
- Coordinated sales efforts with employees, representatives and regional sales managers.

Project Management

- Consistently project managed for completion of projects on time and under budget.
- Accountable for purchasing, expediting and vendor audits to ensure on budget and on time delivery.
- Proficient in P & ID (process and instrumentation diagram) and operating manual preparation.

Service Management

- Expertise with equipment start-up, training, troubleshooting and field engineering.
- Experienced in effectively managing a parts and service department.

Career History

H2Flow Equipment Inc., Vaughan, Ontario 2013-present
Manufacturers representative and systems packager of water & wastewater treatment systems, blowers, bulk solids handling/pneumatic conveying equipment, oxygen generators, sludge handling and other process equipment. Supplier and installer of large field erected bolted steel tanks, glass and epoxy fused to steel.

Industrial Market Manager (2013-present)

Hibon Inc., division of Ingersoll Rand, Dorval, Quebec & Burlington, Ontario 1993-2013
Manufacturer of blowers (rotary lobe, multi-stage centrifugal), vacuum systems (liquid ring pumps, ejectors, mechanical boosters, specialty vacuum equipment) and screw compressors

Regional Sales Manager and Strategic Accounts Manager (2001—2013)

Sales Manager and Burlington Office Manager (1993-2001)

STT Enviro (formerly Semco Systems), Milton and Mississauga, Ontario 1992-1993
Manufacturer of pneumatic conveying systems

Sales Engineer

Gaco Systems Ltd., Brantford, Ontario 1988-1991
Manufacturer of water and waste treatment systems (demineralizers, reverse osmosis, ultrafiltration, clarifiers, softeners, pressure and gravity filters, carbon filters, chemical feed systems)

Service Manager (1991)

Project Manager (1990-91)

Marketing Manager (1988-1990)

Siemens (formerly Westinghouse), Hamilton, Ontario 1987-1988
Manufacturer of steam turbines and steam turbine generator sets

Sales Engineer

Gaco Systems Ltd., Brantford, Ontario 1983-1987
Manufacturer of water and waste treatment systems (demineralizers, reverse osmosis, ultrafiltration, clarifiers, softeners, pressure and gravity filters, carbon filters, chemical feed systems)

Regional Sales Manager (1984-1987)

Marketing Engineer (1983-1984)

Education/Professional Development

Professional Engineers Ontario - Member

Bachelor of Engineering Science, Western University, London, Ontario

Certificate of Business, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario

Interests and Affiliations

Burlington Chamber of Commerce – Member

City of Burlington Sustainable Development Committee – Member

Burlington Basketball – Coach

Hamilton Wildcats Basketball – Coach

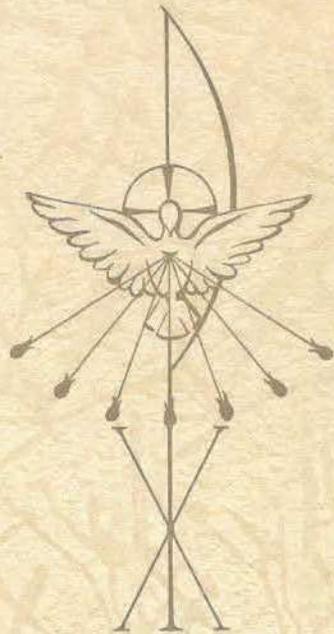
Ontario Basketball – Level II Certified Coach, Elite Development Program

Burlington Soccer League – Executive Council Member, Team Manager, Player

Bruce Trail Association – Member

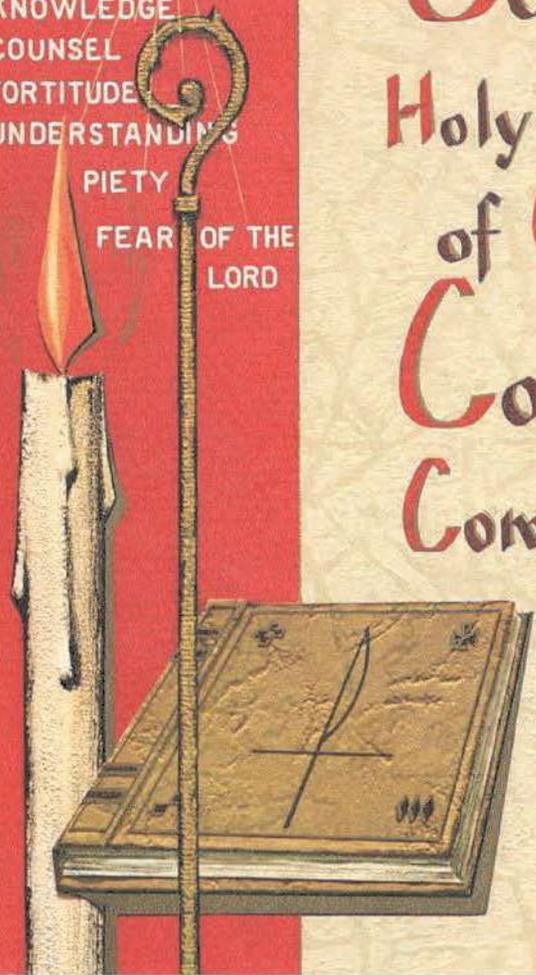
Red Cross Society – Volunteer

Excellent References Available Upon Request



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KNOWLEDGE
COUNSEL
FORTITUDE
UNDERSTANDING
PIETY
FEAR OF THE
LORD

Come
Holy Gift
of God,
Come
Comforter!



David Bernard Cherry

In joyful memory of the
day my soul was given
the indelible mark of
Confirmation in the
anointing with holy oil,

This 15 day of March

in the year of our Lord 1971

Church of

St. Andrew

Most Rev. G. E. Carter
Bishop

J. McMaster
Pastor