

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?

For me it a natural step after answering my vocation as a Catholic teacher and principal. I have been a Catholic teacher and administrator for 37 years. I wish to use my past experience in the hservice of Catholic education as a Catholic trustee.

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

I hope to help preserve a wonderful heritage of a publicly funded Catholic education system with high educational standards in the context of Catholic faith formation of our youth.

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

7 years as a teacher, 10 years as a Vice-Principal and 20 years a Principal in 8 secondary schools in Dufferin-Peel.

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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?

To most important contribution of a Catholic educational system is the Catholic faith formation of children starting from an early age. Our secondary students are expected to measure up to Catholic graduate expectations which they carry through their live and faith journey.

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.

My witness is the way I conduct myself daily as a school principal and model for staff and students my Christian faith. My training was 10 years in the seminary (SVD – Societas Verbi Divini).

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?

As a trustee I will ensure that the practice of having chaplaincy leaders in every secondary school continues and that their pastoral plan includes the opportunities to participate in the liturgical and sacramental live of the church. In elementary schools teachers prepare children for the sacraments.

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?

My background of 37 years as a teacher and administrator in the Catholic system will be brought into play in assisting in that process.

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 have always been in touch with my local parish. I have been an active member of St. Ignatius Loyola parish in Mississauga since 1986 before our church was built. I am a Eucharistic minister at the parish.

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?

There are constant calls for merging the two public systems using the argument that it would save money. This is a proven fallacy. We all have to be vigilant against these attacks. The right to a publicly funded Catholic system will be abolished only if we Catholics give it up.

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?

As a current secondary principal in Dufferin-Peel I am full aware of the responsibility. I am on leave without pay in order to run as trustee.

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?

It has been my practice to be transparent, equitable and accountable in managing school funds and budgets. I continue the practice as a trustee.

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.

In order to be hired as a Catholic teacher and principal you have to be Catholic.



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