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Subject: Re: Questionnaire for Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board Candidates
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Questionnaire
Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi
Dufferin/Caledon

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

I feel that God has placed this on my heart at this time.

I have always enjoyed serving the community; service and Christianity are things I seem to gravitate towards.

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

I hope to use my voice on behalf of the parents and staff of Dufferin/Caledon and I want to ensure that the parents have the roll as first educators as they are the greatest advocate for their children.

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

Business Skills:

I am self-employed. I own and operate my own jewellery design business selling online with Amazon. For 19 years my family and I have owned and operated the Sandhill Shell Gas Station, where I acted as manager and bookkeeper.

Christianity Background:

I am a dedicated Catholic, for years I have participated as Eucharistic minister and I actively study the Bible. I also participate online nightly with other local Catholics to pray the Rosary.

Service History:

I have volunteered at the schools, our church and I also actively raise funds for our local women's shelter.

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?

It is so important to teach our children about our faith, and how it relates to our heritage and history. I think it is most important to teach our children traditional Biblical values of love God and love one another, teaching acceptance, respect and honour. We were all made in the image of God and we have gathered together to celebrate him.

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 love The Lord with my whole heart.

I am a devout Catholic and disciple of God.

I have experienced testimonies of miracles within our own evening prayer group.

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?

It is most important that sacramental needs of students are supported and I will be the strong voice to ensure that the needs are met.

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?

It is important to provide quality resources to all students so that they are properly supported and encouraged to succeed.

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 hope to have a cordial open dialogue with all local parishes as well as all levels of the Archdiocese. I will continue to be very active with the parishes within my district.

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 am a strong supporter of separate Catholic schools and I am not alone. I would advocate that the separate Catholic schools continue to be funded publicly and I would ensure the voices of the Catholic supporters are heard.

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 take this responsibility very seriously. It is very important to me that I try to impart genuine Catholic values, beliefs and teachings in my own day to day life. I continue to try to understand the teachings of God myself and demonstrate His Grace in my life the best that I can although I often fall short. I will strongly advocate for these beliefs and teachings to be referenced in the daily schedules.

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 will work to increase transparencies by asking the necessary questions and requesting full disclosure so that I can share these important facts to the constituents. Parents should have a clear understanding of what the board is spending its budget on.

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.

I did not have enough time to arrange a letter from my priest, I have attached my baptism certificate.

Thank you for your questionnaire.

Sorry for the delayed reply, I am running my campaign solo and trying to manage a work schedule at the same time, but to be fair this was the longest questionnaire I had to fill out so I left it for when I had a large block of spare time.

Have a blessed day,

Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi

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On Mon, Sep 19, 2022 at 12:05 PM Matthew Marquardt <matthew@catholicconscience.org> wrote:

Dear Trustee Candidates,

On behalf of Catholic Conscience and all the concerned Catholics of Ontario, thank you for putting your names forward for election as a Catholic School Trustee. This is a noble undertaking, to be approached with great thought, care, and devotion. Properly approached, it can be a powerful form of Christian witness.

To help guide voters in their selection, we have attached a brief questionnaire for your consideration. Having provided voters' guides the past several federal and provincial elections, we are well known among faithful Catholic voters in Ontario. All of our efforts are completely non-partisan, and directed solely toward promotion of Gospel values and the principles, values, and virtues of Catholic social teaching (see, for example, our website at <https://catholicconscience.org/catholiccivics/>).

You will find that our questions are open ended, and designed to elicit your thoughts, motivations, and intentions in serving as a Catholic school trustee. There are no right or wrong answers, except in the minds of individual voters. For

your convenience, we have attached the questionnaire in both Word and editable .pdf formats. Either one works on our end.

If you would like to return a completed questionnaire, we will post it with other completed forms on our website at

<https://catholicconscience.org/canada/ontario/trustees-election-2022/>

In case you're not familiar with us, Catholic Conscience is a non-partisan civic engagement organization, devoted to helping Catholics participate in civic life in accordance with the full depth and richness of Catholic doctrine. Our election guides are consulted from coast-to-coast-to-coast, as well as in other countries; and our materials on Catholic civics are used by educators worldwide. Earlier this year we hosted, in partnership with the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association and the St Monica Institute for Education and Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Toronto, a workshop for Ontario Catholic School Trustees.

The questionnaire is intended to provide information for meaningful reflection by Catholic voters in determining their votes for this critical election. It is best completed by using Adobe Reader on a laptop device, rather than a mobile. If you have questions or need help, please 'respond all' to this e-mail. If more convenient for you, we are also happy to receive and can easily process hand-written responses – our goal is to collect and share as much information as possible.

When your questionnaire is complete, selecting "Submit" at the bottom should cause it to be returned to Catholic Conscience. We ask also that you e-mail a copy your completed questionnaire, along with a copy of your CV, if desired by 'responding all' to this e-mail. It is important to us that we help you share your views with as many voters as possible.

Thank you again for putting your names forward for this critical mode of public service. Catholic school trustees have the power to do great good, for this and future generations.

We invite suggestions from anyone who can help us better serve that purpose.

With prayers for your continuing ministries,

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