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JOHN VAN HECK ACCLAIMED CHAIR OF THE BOARD; MICHELLE PARKS ACCLAIMED VICE CHAIR

At tonight's Initial Meeting of the Board of Trustees, John Van Heck was acclaimed to the position of Chair of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board for a third straight term. Trustee Michelle Parks was acclaimed Vice Chair, a position she has previously held for the past three years.

Mr. Van Heck has been a Catholic trustee since 2006. In accepting the position of Chair, he thanked his fellow trustees for their support and paid tribute to retiring Director of Education Dan Parr.

"Our multi-year strategic plan, which focuses on living our faith and student achievement; and our new Chatham schools will be your legacy," says Mr. Van Heck. "But I know that you are not about legacy; rather, you are about building God's Kingdom through our schools. Thank you for all that you have taught us."

Michelle Parks is now in her twelfth year as a Catholic trustee. In her remarks to the Board tonight, she also expressed support for her colleagues.

Elections for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair are held annually at the Board's December meeting.

The evening began with Mass, which was celebrated in the chapel of the Ursuline Boardroom, with Father Chris Gillespie, Pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish Cluster, as celebrant.