



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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CATHOLIC FAITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, November 2, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre

- Chair:** Laura Callaghan, Superintendent of Education
- Trustee:** Brenda Rumble
- Present:** Kim Gaiswinkler – Teacher & Faith Ambassador, St. Ursula Catholic School
Raymond Girard – Teacher, Ursuline College Chatham
Terri Sinasac – Elementary Curriculum Consultant
Christine Lambert – Principal, Sacred Heart, Port Lambton
Joan Martell – SEA Technology Support Coordinator
Kerry Matthyssen – Principal, St. Ursula Catholic School
Michelle McLean – French Immersion Parent, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
Joseph Palko – Chaplain, St. Patrick’s Catholic High School
Margaret Palmer – System Chaplaincy Leader
Thomas Dula – Chaplain, Ursuline College Chatham
Mary Jo Cocarell – OECTA representative & Teacher, Sacred Heart, Sarnia
Dino Petrucci – Teacher, St. Patrick’s Catholic High School
- Regrets:** Rob Cichelli – Principal, St. Patrick Secondary School
Marcia Vermey – French Immersion Parent, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
Fr. Ray Lawhead – Episcopal Vicar, Kent Deanery

Recording Secretary: Terri Sinasac

1. Welcome and Introductions

Laura Callaghan, chair of the meeting, welcomed and thanked those in attendance and called the meeting to order.

2. *Opening Prayer – All; led by Margaret Palmer*
3. *Approval of Agenda*

Motion: (Mary Jo Coccarell & Joan Martell) That the Agenda for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, November 2, 2015 be approved as presented. Omit 6 & 7 and create 10b) Advent Plan, Lent and Easter Plan, Jubilee Plan & 11b) Colouring Book Plan. *Carried with revisions.*

4. *Approval of Minutes*

Motion: (Joan Martell & Margaret Palmer) That the Minutes for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, September 28, 2015 be approved as presented.

Retention Plan Strategies from last year's CFAC committee were brought by Laura and will be shared with Superintendent Scott Johnston who is in charge of retention this year.

5. *Overview of the Year of Mercy*

Margaret Palmer shared the slideshow that will be shared with the Trustees on December 8, 2015 to roll out the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.

- The beginning portion of the year of Mercy (contained in the first 8 slides) will be rolled out during Advent
- Most of these slides were shared out from the Trustees and were personalized to meet our needs
- "What Will You Do in the Jubilee Year of Mercy?" was the challenge posed by the Trustees
 - Blessing of the Board Office
 - Morning Prayers will be created to help educate
 - Newsletter will include links to enrich
 - Staff Mercy retreats during Advent, Lent and Easter
 - Advent – works of Mercy Poster Contest (open to classrooms, schools, individuals, families - suggestion to include Sunday schools in the invitation)
 - Lent – Corporal Works of Mercy
 - Easter – Spiritual Works of Mercy
- November Newsletter - will explain the year of Mercy, SCCDSB Year of Mercy plan, promote the Mass celebrating the consecrated life November 15
- November 26 Advent Edition – will advertise the Advent mercy Retreat, promote Deanery Gatherings, provide resources for the Advent and Christmas Season and January 1st World Day of Peace
- January 12 – link to highlight Vatican events, advertise Lenten Staff Mercy retreat, advertise to celebrate Jubilee on consecrated life February 2
- February 1 Lenten Edition – links for lessons and family activities to explore the Corporal Works of Mercy, works of Mercy posters created in Advent will be displayed at prayer tables

- March – Easter Edition – links for lessons and family activities to explore the Spiritual Works of Mercy
- May / June – Jubilee for Priests and Deacons – Provide a list of clergy and encourage them to contact, pray for them, write to them etc.

- Catholic Education Week – Opening Doors of Mercy Theme – Local high schools will host Mass in solidarity with others province wide
September / October 2016 plan - Jubilee for Deacons (May 27-29), Jubilee for Priests (June 3), Jubilee for Those Who are Ill or Disabled (June 12)

Actions / Considerations:

- Joan Martell offered to help to edit and revise the final presentation
- Ray Girard – suggested to print 3 slides per page – suggested explaining what a Papal Bull is as mentioned in slide 4
- Laura Callaghan suggested provided a monthly newsletter blurb and link to the Chaplaincy Curriculum Newsletter
- Joan Martell suggested providing a blurb for the Parishes as well with a link
- An abbreviated form of this plan could be shared with Principals to be shared with School Council Committees and the Board Advisory Council meetings
- Laura Callaghan suggested speaking to Bob Arnold the Year of Mercy upcoming events being on the lobby television
- Joan Martell suggested speaking to Todd Lozon to see if the events could be added on the main page
- Thomas Dula suggested connecting with the parishes to help students contribute their 40 hours of service to the parishes during Catholic Education Week completing Acts of Corporal Mercy (i.e. soup kitchens, knitting clubs linked to feed the hungry, clothe the naked etc.)
- Laura Callaghan suggested finding resources to help support teachers in finding the stories connected to the various Works of Mercy
- Ray Girard suggested tying a connection to a school door and linking it to the School Saint. Brenda mentioned that this was an idea suggested by the Trustees as well
- Perhaps link this to a door decorating celebration during Catholic Education Week – this will be discussed at the February CFAC meeting
- Joseph Palko – noted the call of Pilgrimage and it would be interesting to invite Senior Administration and principals to walk through the door(s) in our Diocese – also mentioned the importance of the Sacrament of Confession and inviting our staff and students to participate
- Mary Jo Coccarell – What will you do in the Year of Mercy – the question is an invitation to do something – it would be good to highlight this in some way as a call to action

6. *Overview of the SCCDSB Draft Schedule for Alignment*

Omitted from this agenda.

7. *Plan for Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy*

Omitted from this agenda.

8. *Staff Retreats about Mercy*

This was discussed within the slideshow mentioned above.

9. *Parish and School Connections – Supporting the Sacraments*

Laura invited a conversation around the supporting participation in the Sacraments in the schools. Margaret suggested that the Parish needs to have a voice in this because they are the ones administering the Sacraments. Margaret will bring it to a Deanery meeting if anyone is interested in partnering with CFAC members.

10. *Debrief: System Faith Day*

There was amazing feedback around the System Faith Day including both the speakers and the Mass. Joseph suggested Archbishop Miller from British Columbia may be interested in speaking at the next System Faith Day.

Joseph – questioned the “cheapening of God’s name” through the speaker’s references to the Lord’s name as well as the talk perhaps being heavy on the “works” or “operative theology”. He did have some great stories that people were able to connect and learn from but this speaker leaned very far in one direction.

10b) *Advent Plan*

Was discussed above

10c) *Colouring Book Plan*

Sandra VanRaay has offered to partner to create a colouring book with SCCDSB. If you are interested contact Margaret Palmer.

11) *Closing Prayer: All; led by Margaret Palmer*

12) *Adjournment*

- The Next Meeting will be February 8, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
- Think about door decorating during Catholic Education Week as this will be discussed at the February CFAC meeting

The Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, November 2, 2015 adjourned at 6:46 p.m.