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## *ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC STAFF TO CELEBRATE SYSTEM FAITH DEVELOPMENT DAY – RENEWING OUR PASSION AND PURPOSE*

A day of spiritual growth, community building and celebration of Catholic education is planned as the staff of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board gathers in Sarnia and Chatham for a system-wide faith development day – *Renewing Our Passion and Purpose*.

"We are excited to have this opportunity every two years, to bring our staff together for what we know will be an uplifting and faith-filled celebration of our vocations as Catholic educators and support workers," says Deb Crawford, Director of Education.

The *Lighting Our Way* award, which is bestowed at the faith day celebration every two years, will also be presented. This year's honourees are Bill Nelson, Principal of Sacred Heart Catholic School, Sarnia; Lydia DeCarolis, Secretary at St. Anne Catholic School Sarnia; and Ron Sterling, Teacher at Good Shepherd Catholic School, Thamesville.

Keynote speaker for the day is Anne Jamieson, the Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Hamilton. Ms. Jamieson is also a former teacher with the Waterloo Catholic District School Board. She holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from the University of Toronto and has helped to create online resources for schools and parishes.

The day will also include the celebration of Mass, and greetings from Director of Education Deb Crawford; Chair of the Board John Van Heck; and Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey (in Sarnia) and Chatham-Kent-Essex MPP Rick Nicholls (in Chatham).

The Faith Development Day – Renewing Our Passion and Purpose will take place on <u>*Friday*</u>, <u>*April 27, 2018*</u>. Members of the media are welcome. Itineraries of the Sarnia and Chatham events are printed below.

- SARNIA ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL GYM
- 8:30 a.m. Gather in St. Patrick's Gym
- 8:45 a.m. Welcome MPP Greetings Director of Education Address & Chair of the Board Greetings
  9:15 a.m. – Lighting Our Way Award Presentation
  9:30 a.m. – Mass & Grace
- 10:45 a.m. Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Keynote Address Anne Jamieson
- Thank You & Conclusion
- $2{:}30 \ p.m.- \ May \ God \ bless \ our \ travel \ home$

## CHATHAM – URSULINE COLLEGE THEATRE

- 8:30 a.m. Gather in UCC Theatre
- 8:45 a.m. Welcome
- 8:50 a.m. Keynote Address Anne Jamieson
- 10:45 a.m. Lunch
- $12{:}40 \ \text{p.m.} \text{MPP}$  Greetings & Prayerful Transition
- 12:45 p.m. Mass
- 1:50 p.m. Director of Education Address & Chair of the Board Greetings Lighting Our Way Award Presentation *Thank You and Conclusion*
- 2:30 p.m. May God bless our travel home