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DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020 RELEASED

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Director of Education Deb Crawford has released her annual report, which highlights student success, faith formation, educational programs and activities for the 2019-2020 school year. The *Director's Annual Report 2020* was presented to the Board of Trustees at the January 26, 2021 Regular Meeting.

The report demonstrates the many ways in which St. Clair Catholic's school communities have lived out the Board's new strategic plan and reports under the four main pillars identified in the plan: Learning & Innovation; Faith & Well-being; Partnerships; and Catholic Citizenship.

The Board's new vision statement *Catholic Education – Future Ready* inspired St. Clair Catholic's collective response to the 2019-2020 school year, as demonstrated through excellence in academic achievement, learning and innovation.

The report profiles the life of faith of the Board's students and staff, through many acts of social justice in school communities and through the Board's multi-year pastoral theme, *Caring for Our Common Home*.

"Our pastoral theme provides all of us with a shared commitment to honour God's creation as blessed and sacred," says Mrs. Crawford. "In partnership with our families, parishes and communities, St. Clair Catholic fulfills our promise to transform tomorrow through our faith-filled efforts every day."

The report also highlights the Board's response to the many challenges and changes to the delivery of education that were brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, beginning in March 2020.

"COVID-19 has shown us a great deal about the abilities of our students and our staff," says Mrs. Crawford. "Despite the obstacles presented by the pandemic, the St. Clair Catholic community – students, educators, support staff and families, have risen to the challenge. Our students have demonstrated their resilience and perseverance, which are excellent skills to carry them into the future."

The *Director's Annual Report 2020* will now be posted to the Board website and forwarded to the Minister of Education.

The report can be downloaded at:

<https://www.st-clair.net/Data/Sites/1/media/public/Director/Docs/DirectorsAnnualReportFINALJan2021.pdf>



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ARCHITECT SELECTED FOR NEW SARNIA SCHOOL

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board has selected the architect to design the new Catholic French Immersion school in Sarnia.

“I am pleased to announce Cornerstone Architecture of London will lead the design of our new school,” says Amy Janssens, Associate Director & Treasurer of the Board.

“Through our RFP (Request for Proposals) process, Cornerstone emerged as the successful proponent to assist the Board in developing a sustainable school, incorporating environmental and energy efficiency principles in a state-of-the-art 21st century facility,” says Mrs. Janssens.

The Board has worked with Cornerstone on past projects, including its newest school, St. Angela Merici Catholic School in Chatham, which opened in September 2020.

“Cornerstone will help the Board lead a consultation to gather input from all stakeholders, including parents, students, staff, Trustees and senior administration, as part of the school design process,” says Deb Crawford, Director of Education. “We will be releasing more information about this important step in the process in the future.”

The RFP for architectural services was issued in November 2020 and seven proposals were received. Evaluation team members individually reviewed and scored the proposals based on the criteria outlined in the RFP and met to review their findings in January. Based on the collective scoring and the consensus of the committee, Cornerstone was selected as the clear choice.

As part of its proposal, Cornerstone outlined its approach to the design process, including the ability to develop consensus and to successfully meet program requirements, while being mindful of schedule and budget restraints.

“Cornerstone also understands the importance of this project to the Board and to the community,” says Mrs. Janssens. “We look forward to working with them on another successful school construction project.”