



Date: **June 20, 2023**  
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Subject: **Board Chaplain Named Pastor of Windsor-Lake Erie Catholic Family of Parishes**

## **Background**

Father Chris Gillespie has been named by Bishop Fabbro as Pastor of the Windsor-Lake St. Clair Catholic Family of Parishes. Father's appointment is effective July 3, 2023.

As a result, he will step down from his position as Board Chaplain at St. Clair Catholic, following the June 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, which is the final meeting of the 2022-2023 school year.

Father Chris was appointed Board Chaplain by the Board of Trustees on May 31, 2022. Although his time in the role has been relatively short, his close association with St. Clair Catholic stretches back to his arrival as Pastor of the Kent Lambton Roman Catholic Family of Parishes. As a neighbour and friend, he frequently celebrated Mass for Board staff, both at Our Lady Help of Christians Church and at the Catholic Education Centre.

As Board Chaplain, his opening prayers and reflections at the beginning of each Board meeting, brought Trustees, senior administration and guests into God's presence, in ways which beautifully connected our Catholic faith with the Mission of Catholic Education.

Although the Board accepts his resignation with reluctance and some sadness, we are thankful for the many blessings of his friendship and we pray for God's continued favour on him, as he moves on to this new role.

## **Recommendation**

**That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Board Chaplain Named Pastor of Windsor-Lake Erie Catholic Family of Parishes* for information.**