



## **Father John Jasica Appointed Board Chaplain**

The Board of Trustees has announced the appointment of Father John Jasica to the position of Board Chaplain. Father John has been appointed by Bishop Ronald Fabbro to a five-year term as Chaplain, effective September 1, 2023. Father John replaces Father Chris Gillespie, who stepped down last June, when he was named by the Bishop as Pastor of the Windsor-Lake St. Clair Catholic Family of Parishes.

"I am pleased that Father John has accepted the invitation to serve as our next Board Chaplain," says John Van Heck, Chair of the Board. "We are delighted that he will be joining the Board in this new role and look forward to his wisdom and spiritual guidance at our Board table."

The Board of Trustees confirmed Father John's appointment at its Regular Board meeting this evening.

Born and raised in London, Ontario, Father John attended Catholic Central High School and later King's College, before entering St. Peter's Seminary in 1996 to study for the priesthood. He was ordained in 2001. He has served as Associate Pastor of the former St. Pius X (now known as Holy Family) and St. Joseph parishes, London; Associate Pastor of Sacred Heart, Port Lambton and Holy Family and Our Lady Help of Christians, Wallaceburg; and Pastor of St. Peter's, Goderich, St. Joseph, Kingsbridge and St. Mary's, Lucknow. In 2010 he accepted the position of full-time Director of Vocations for the Diocese of London. In 2012, he returned to the role of parish priest and became pastor of St. George Parish, London. He has been pastor of the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes since 2021.

Father has also coached basketball and is a certified basketball referee, officiating at games in Chatham, Sarnia and London.

"I am very honoured and look forward to serving as the St. Clair Catholic District School Board Chaplain," says Father John. "Catholic education is a precious gift and, united with our parishes, the way to form disciples who love and follow Christ."

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## **Board of Trustees Updated on Construction Timelines for New Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School**

The Board of Trustees has been updated on the construction timelines for the new Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School, being built on The Rapids Parkway in Sarnia. The revised construction schedule includes a delay in the target opening date for the new school.

The original construction schedule called for the completed school to be turned over to the Board in December 2023, with the opening sometime early in the New Year. However, due to a delay in the delivery of some building materials, particularly windows, this schedule is no longer possible.

The new timeline is as follows: Substantial completion of the building and occupancy by the Board January 31, 2024; school setup and move-in will occur February 1, 2024 to March 15, 2024; and the new school opening date will be March 18, 2024.

The licensing process for the childcare will begin at the end of March 2024 with an opening date to be announced by London Bridge Child Care at a later date.

"I know that, although the delay is relatively minor, it will nonetheless come as a bit of a disappointment, as we look forward with excitement to the opening of our new school," says Superintendent of Education Laura Callaghan in a letter to the school community. "However, good things are always worth waiting for and we now eagerly await a new beginning with the arrival of Spring 2024!"

The \$24,243,249 project includes 659-pupil places and \$3,223,821 in funding for a five-room childcare centre. Also included in the funding is a \$200,000 donation from the Hogan Family, to support an expanded 900 square foot community room in the new school.

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## **Jamie Majeski to Lead New K-12 Math Portfolio**

Jamie Majeski has been named to the position of Assistant Superintendent by Director of Education Scott Johnson. Mr. Majeski will lead system initiatives to support student engagement and achievement in K-12 mathematics. This is a new position for all school boards across the province, which is funded by the Ministry of Education.

“Jamie brings to this new role a wealth of experience, working in mathematics instruction and learning,” says Scott Johnson, Director of Education. “In this new portfolio, Jamie will work with school administration, classroom teachers, the Ministry of Education, EQAO and the Board’s senior team to support school and board improvement planning in math.”

During his career as an educator, Mr. Majeski has held a wide variety of positions, including classroom teacher, department head of mathematics, numeracy support teacher, student success numeracy lead, K-12 Catholic curriculum consultant and secondary vice principal. In addition, he has written ministry curriculum and supported EQAO with both question creation and student assessments.

Mr. Majeski earned his master’s degree in mathematics from the University of Waterloo in 2018 and holds an Honours Specialist in mathematics.

“Jamie looks forward to working collaboratively with school teams across the St. Clair district, to further support math fluency,” says Mr. Johnson.

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