



## MINUTES

### CATHOLIC FAITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 1, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting

- Chair: Laura Callaghan, Superintendent of Education
- Trustee: Brenda Rumble
- Present: Angele Monette, Teacher, Monsignor Uyen Catholic School  
Ann Clarke – Chaplaincy Leader, St. Patrick’s Catholic High School  
Greg Vandeschoot, Teacher and OECTA Elementary Representative  
Joanne McCreery – Principal, St. Philip Catholic School  
Melissa Fernandes –Teacher, Ursuline College Chatham  
Marcia Vermey – French Immersion Parent, Ursuline College Chatham  
Margaret Palmer – System Chaplaincy Leader  
Michelle MacLean – French Immersion Parent, Ursuline College Chatham  
Sherrie Daudlin – Principal, Good Shepherd Catholic School
- Regrets: Joan Martell – SEA Technology Support Coordinator  
Thomas Dula – Chaplain, Ursuline College Chatham
- Recording Secretary: Kim Fitzmorris

1. *Welcome*  
Laura Callaghan, chair of the meeting, called the CFAC meeting to order.
2. *Opening Prayer - All*
3. *Approval of Minutes*

**Motion: (Joanne McCreery, Marcia Vermey) That the minutes for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, June 15, 2020 be approved. Carried.**

4. *Approval of Agenda*

**Motion: (Margaret Palmer, Michelle McLean) That the Agenda for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, February 1, 2021 be approved as presented. Carried.**

5. *Review of the Pastoral Plan Year 1 and 2*

- One year ago rolled out the Strategic Plan and Pastoral Plan based on Laudato Si. You will remember that last year our focus was on Care for our Common Home and our focus for this year will be based around the idea of Recovering Together. Margaret helped create a prayer that is inspired by the Recovering Together Campaign, Development and Peace.

6. *Chaplain Update*

- How can our Lenten focus connect to our Pastoral plan goals to bring Lent to life across SCCDSB? Share Love Share Lent is the campaign from Development and Peace. We are hoping it will be a good fit for our work at St. Clair CDSB.
- Margaret shared that as we recover together we will explore some Hope from our Pope - Frutelli Tutti is about brotherly love and concern for one another - we will try to look at these both throughout the year and especially during Lent.
- As we share out the Lenten resources, we want them to be connected to our values that we have chosen from our Pastoral Plan - Respect Rooted in Love and Accountability to God, Self and others.
- Margaret shared that she has created Lenten resources
  - Recovering Together Reflection for Ash Wednesday
  - Scriptural stations of the cross for Secondary and staff
  - Weekly Prayers are available for every week in Lent
  - A prayer service will be available for Shrove Tuesday
- The committee discussed how we will live the OCGE's through Lent and Beyond.
- The Living our Faith Public site will be updated with Lenten resources.

7. *Adult Faith Formation Brainstorming*

- We are continuing to look for ways to engage our staff in adult faith formation activities. The committee will bring forward more ideas on ways to engage staff.

8. *Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ Update*

- There is a chart that was created highlighting the Lent connections (Bible stories, activities, etc.) within this resource.
- Sowing Seeds: Inquiry, Faith and Early Learners – a resource purchased for our Early Years teachers as they do not have the GIF/GIC resource. One book was given to each school.

9. *Catholic Education Week 2021*

- Theme for 2021 is Nurturing Hope.

10. *Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations: Digital Citizenship*

- We will explore this further at our next meeting. We are considering ways to share this with the system. It is a timely resource created by ICE as students are called to reflect on their online activity and consider what it means to be Responsible Digital Citizens through the lens of the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations.
- Partnering with Development and Peace

- Margaret shared that Development and Peace has a new Laudato Si School Certification Program. It is a pilot this year and official starts next year. There are activities for every month of the year. Tri-fold Focus: Accountability to God, Neighbour and Common Home. We hope to get started this year and focus more on it next year.

*11. Chaplain Update*

- Discussion about reaching out to students who need support – pastoral care.
- Pre-recorded services for Thanksgiving and Advent.
- Successful fundraisers such as Irish Miracle at St. Patrick's.
- Finding creative ways to engage students – wellness surveys, weekly kahoot quizzes based on morning reflections, ice breakers, Student Success team videos, Sweater Day for World Wildlife Federation awareness to energy conservation and climate change.
- Faith Formation – Brother Guy – director of Vatican Observatory – well received presentation on Science and the Catholic Faith.

*12. Closing Prayer: All*