



Hogan Family Makes Generous Donation for Expanded Community Room at New Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School

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The Hogan family of Sarnia has made a generous \$200,000 donation to the St. Clair District Catholic Education Foundation, which will be used to support an expanded 900 square foot community room in the new Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School. The gift was made on behalf of Barry and Marcia Hogan and Barry and Erika Hogan and their families.

“This generous gift is greatly appreciated by the Board and the entire Hogan school community,” says Deb Crawford, Director of Education. “In addition to being centres of excellence for students, our Catholic schools are also committed to serving our communities. Our facilities are used by many community organizations to run programs and events outside of school hours. This expanded community room will be a true benefit to the Sarnia community.”

In May 2021 the Board received a scope change approval from the Ministry of Education to include the expanded community room in the design of the new school. The Ministry has also approved a revised facility space template, to assist the Board’s architect in moving forward with the school design.

“Our family has been blessed by the Sarnia-Lambton community over the years,” says Barry Hogan. “We feel this is a fitting way to give back and to honour the legacy of our father and grandfather, Gregory A. Hogan. Thank you to Amy Janssens and the entire team at the St. Clair Catholic District School Board for including us in this wonderful project.”

In January 2018, the Ontario government announced \$14,371,913 in funding for the new Catholic elementary school, which will be built on The Rapids Parkway. A further \$2,672,104 was approved for a child care facility, with five rooms and 88 child care spaces.

“Students deserve modern, state-of-the-art classrooms to help them reach their full potential, and hard-working families deserve safe, affordable and high-quality child care,” says Education Minister Stephen Lecce. “The Ontario government is pleased to support a new Catholic elementary school and a five-room child care facility as part of our efforts to support working families in Sarnia.”

“I want to personally thank the Hogan family for this generous contribution to the new Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School and the Sarnia-Lambton community,” says Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey. “The new community room is a welcome addition and sure to be well used in the months and years ahead.”

Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School was opened on May 7, 1978. It was named for Gregory A. Hogan, a Sarnia businessman and former Trustee of the Lambton County Roman Catholic Separate School Board. The school community will carry with it the Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School name, when it moves to the new location on The Rapids Parkway in September 2023.

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