

## Faith in Education THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES

### Welcome from the **DIRECTOR & BOARD CHAIR**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We know that choosing the right school for your child is a serious decision. School is the place where your child will spend most of his or her days, learning important academic and social skills and growing in body and mind. And in Catholic schools, your child will also grow in spirit and faith, learning of God's love, and discovering life's purpose.

With 28 schools, approximately 9,000 students and 1,200 employees, our Board encompasses a large and diverse region of Southwestern Ontario, within the Roman Catholic Diocese of London. We are small towns, rural areas and the urban centres of Sarnia and Chatham. From Tilbury to Forest, and from the beautiful shores of Lake Huron to Lake Erie and the St. Clair River, we are a Catholic faith community in pursuit of the best that Catholic education has to offer.

We provide excellent educational opportunities, and we are proud to teach Catholic values which provide opportunities for spiritual growth. Like you, we want our young people to develop a strong set of values in their lives. We believe it is important for Catholic values and beliefs to be practised, whether at home, school or church. Your choice of Catholic education would mean the following for your child:

- The teachings of Jesus permeate the school culture and the curriculum;
- Prayer, faith celebrations, social justice outreach, and sacramental preparation are part of our school culture;
- Strong home-school-parish connections are encouraged and facilitated.

While our Catholic elementary schools are open to children of baptized Catholics, it is important to note that enrolment in our Catholic secondary schools is available to all students desiring a Catholic education, including those from Catholic elementary schools, public elementary schools, private schools and home-schooling.

People often tell us that they witness something unique when they visit one of our schools – a close-knit community with high standards of behaviour and achievement, and one that is rooted in our Catholic faith. We invite you to contact any one of our schools, arrange a visit, and see for yourself!



Deb Crawford Director of Education Chair of the Board



**John Van Heck** 

# Greetings from **BISHOP RONALD FABBRO**

Dear Friends:

Catholic Education has been part of Ontario's landscape and cultural fabric for over 160 years. Even in the days before Confederation, Catholic parents desired to have their children educated in schools that taught them about God, about Christ's love for us that we celebrate in our Church, and about His command to us to love and serve others. These lessons are no less important to parents and students today. In a world that seems to question and sometimes abandon the need for values, morals, and standards of behaviour, our Catholic schools continue to guide our children on a path of Christian virtues and behaviours.

The schools of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board work with our parishes, our families, and the Diocese of London, to educate our Catholic youth and to invite them to be life-long followers of Jesus. I am grateful for the work of



the St. Clair Catholic District School Board, in helping parents raise their children to know, love and serve God our loving Father.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B. Bishop of London

## **FAITH IN OUR LEARNING**

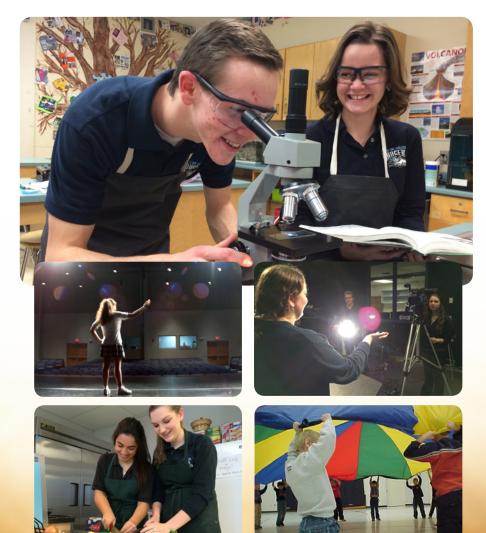
Our Catholic schools are not a duplicate of other publicly-funded education systems. Our programs and curricula adhere to Ministry of Education requirements; however, we approach learning from a Catholic perspective.

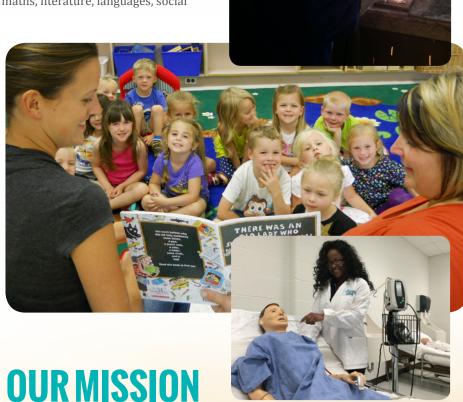
Student learning is enhanced by Gospel values and supported by staff members who are committed to serving in Catholic schools. Faith development is integral to every part of the school day. Our students also answer their baptismal call to be the hands and feet of Christ, as we support missions and social justice initiatives, in aid of those in our communities and around the world, who need our help.



### **DELIVERING QUALITY CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

Educational achievement and innovation are among the pillars of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board's mission statement. Through a framework of goals and strategic actions, our focus is to provide 21st-Century learning environments for our students, as we prepare them for academic and practical success. Our elementary schools are safe, welcoming and faith-centred, with a strong focus on literacy and numeracy. Our secondary schools work closely with community and educational partners to develop programs that will create valuable opportunities for student growth, both within and beyond the classroom; and help our students along pathways that will lead to worthwhile future employment – either through apprenticeships, colleges, the world of work or university. Programs include technology, media studies, health sciences, visual and dramatic arts, culinary arts, welding and construction, in addition to a strong curriculum in traditional academic studies – maths, literature, languages, social studies and many, many more.





Walking together in Christ's light with parish and family, we are called to build a safe and inclusive Catholic learning community and to serve as partners in the formation of life-long learners by:

- Living our faith;
- Promoting educational achievement and innovation;
- Fostering stewardship, leadership, and social justice.

#### CHATHAM-KENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

#### Blenheim

St. Anne Catholic School\* 519-676-7352

#### Chatham

Georges P. Vanier Catholic School 519-354-6550 Monsignor Uyen Catholic School\* 519-352-1880 Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School 519-351-4040 St. Agnes Catholic School 519-354-0530 St. Joseph Catholic School 519-354-4642 St. Ursula Catholic School 519-352-3620 St. Vincent Catholic School 519-354-4066

#### Ridgetown

St. Michael Catholic School 519-674-3475

#### Thamesville

Good Shepherd Catholic School 519-692-3644

#### Tilbury St. Joseph Catholic School 519-682-2790

#### Wallaceburg

Christ The King Catholic School \* 519-627-6745 Holy Family Catholic School 519-627-6003 St. Elizabeth Catholic School 519-627-6331

#### SARNIA-LAMBTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

#### Bright's Grove

St. Michael Catholic School 519-869-4204

#### Corunna St. Joseph Catholic School 519-862-1479

#### Forest

St. John Fisher Catholic School 519-786-5201

Petrolia St. Philip Catholic School 519-882-1520 Port Lambton Sacred Heart Catholic School 519-677-5391

#### Sarnia

Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School\* 519-542-8190 Holy Trinity Catholic School 519-344-2110 Sacred Heart Catholic School 519-344-1601 St. Anne Catholic School 519-542-2710 St. Matthew Catholic School 519-332-4300

#### Watford

St. Peter Canisius Catholic School 519-876-3018

#### Wyoming

Holy Rosary Catholic School 519-845-3471

#### **ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School\* 85 Grand Avenue, W., Chatham 519-351-2987

St. Patrick's Catholic High School\* 1001 The Rapids Parkway, Sarnia 519-332-3976

\*Offering French immersion programming.

For more information, contact your local Catholic school.



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