BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PASTORAL REFERENCE FROM ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST
FORM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR APPLICANTS

NOTE TO PASTORAL REFEREE:
To assist you with your pastoral reference request, we are attaching a template. Roman Catholic Priests who provide recommendations for ECE applicants are requested to interview the applicant on the basis of this form, and/or compose a letter, as they prefer. Please do not feel obliged to provide a pastoral reference for a candidate if you feel it would be inappropriate. The information most helpful to the Board is clearly indicated in the questionnaire. ECE candidates have a legal right to access their files, but the only others with access are school board personnel involved in hiring.

We thank you for your involvement in this process and for your encouragement and support of the ministry of Catholic teaching.

ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST REFERENCE FORM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR APPLICANTS

1. **Pastoral Reference For:**

Name of Early Childhood Educator Applicant: _____

2. **Priest's Knowledge of the Candidate:**

Check one or more of the following:

I have:
- ☐ on-going personal knowledge of the individual as a member of the parish
- ☐ personal knowledge of the individual in the past
- ☐ knowledge of the candidate's family
- ☐ knowledge through a personal interview
- ☐ other _____

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3. **Reference**: You may wish to answer or comment on some or all of the following:

a. The candidate participates in the sacramental life of the Church.
- ☐ regularly
- ☐ occasionally
- ☐ infrequently
- ☐ not known to me

b. The candidate is involved in service: in the Church, in the broader community (e.g., Lector, Youth Group, Out of the Cold, Food Bank, etc.)
☐ yes ☐ no ☐ not known to me

c. The candidate comes from a Catholic background.
☐ yes ☐ no ☐ not known to me

d. In my opinion, the candidate possesses attitudes and dispositions which will serve Catholic Education positively.
☐ yes ☐ uncertain ☐ not known to me

e. The candidate appears to have an appreciation of working in a Catholic school as a vocation and ministry, not merely a job.
☐ yes ☐ no ☐ not known to me

4. **Further comments if desired:**

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Roman Catholic Priest: _____
Name (Please Print)

Parish Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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