



**Faith Advisory Committee (FAC)
Thursday, March 24, 2022 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Microsoft TEAMS Meeting**

Present: Dan Dignard, Aidan O'Brien, Father Luke Kopaniak, Tara Williams, Heather Graham, Andrew Hall, Lorrie Temple, Keri Calvesbert

Regrets: Tom Laracy, Father Augustine Ogundele, Father Ronald Angervil, Carole Allen

1. Land Acknowledgement and Opening Prayer

Lorrie Temple shared the Land Acknowledgement and opened meeting in prayer.

2. Welcome

Lorrie welcomed members of the committee.

3. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting were approved.

4. Information and Discussion Items

4.1 Truth and Reconciliation Delegation visit with Pope Francis in Rome

Andrew Hall shared about a prayer video he produced along with Chaplaincy Leaders, Secondary and Elementary students in our schools in solidarity with the Indigenous Delegation who will be meeting with Pope Francis in Rome during the week of March 28th – April 1, 2022. The video will be made available, along with prayer resources from Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle, to all Administrators to be shared in all schools in the district during this week as schools pray and hold intentions for the meetings to be true encounters on the journey toward reconciliation.

4.2 Secondary Feedback on events in schools

Aidan O'Brien reported that all classes at ACS participated in a Virtual Liturgy on Ash Wednesday. Tara Williams reported on events taking place during Lent in all Secondary schools. ACS participates in "Can You Help" Lenten collection, dress down days during Lent this year support "Save a Family" in India sponsorship and Development and Peace for Ukraine. Cards of support, written by students were delivered to the Catholic Ukrainian Parish in Brantford as well as to children and youth patients at the Brantford General Hospital. A staff survey was taken to determine what is needed by staff during this Lenten season. Data will be collected, and staff needs, based on results of the data will be met to end Lent. Holy Trinity participates in both Ash Wednesday and Holy Week Liturgies during Lent. Praying the Rosary is offered in the Chapel twice per week. Morning prayers focus on Lent and Stations of the Cross are offered on Fridays. Grade 9 retreats take place during the season of Lent and the school participates in the "Reaching Out for Lent" Campaign to support Norfolk SSVP. St. John's College supports the Brant SSVP during Lent. Divine Mercy Prayer group meets in the Chapel weekly to pray. A Lenten pen pal program runs along with staff prayer partners. A Lenten soup and salad luncheon is offered for staff. Students from St. Mary's CLC are giving back to their community by providing Easter Egg's for Friendship Houses' Easter Egg Hunt. Success of outreach campaigns will be shared at next meeting.



4.3 Elementary Feedback on events in schools

Heather Graham reported that Elementary schools are participating in Lenten Outreach campaigns to support either Norfolk SSVP or Brant SSVP and local food banks. Schools are participating in Lenten challenges such as “word or action of the day” during Lent. Daily prayers, reflections, and liturgies take place during the season of Lent. Many schools display visual symbols of the season (e.g., giving or taking away things in Lent).

4.4 Diocesan - Deanery Updates

Fr. Luke shared Brant Deanery updates. Fr. Francisco Sordo is the new priest at Blessed Sacrament, Burford and St. Anthony Daniel, Scotland until June. Parish Pastoral teams are working hard to catch up Sacraments delayed by the pandemic. Fr. Luke shared an idea to possibly connect a school or schools in our district with Poland-Ukraine. Keri will follow-up with Fr. Luke for considerations and logistics.

4.5 Give the Best of Yourself

Keri Calvesbert outlined during the month of February, Secondary schools and Grade 8 classrooms were invited to participate in the “Give the Best of Yourself Virtual Session”. The 17-minute video session helped students dive deeper into the meaning of “Give the Best of Yourself” and make connections between faith and wellness. The session introduced the four values of the initiative and included a message from Fr. Rob Galea on health in body, mind, and spirit. Guiding questions for reflection and dialogue were provided to conclude the session.

4.6 Virtual Lenten Evening Event

Keri Calvesbert shared the success of the Virtual Evening Lent Event with guest presenter, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. It was the most well attended virtual event. Bishop Lobsinger was a fantastic speaker, linking Lent with our Board Spiritual Theme “Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together” with wisdom and humour.

4.7 Catholic Education Week and Catholic Student Leadership Awards

Keri Calvesbert shared CEW resources including posters, prayer cards, links to CEW songs have been shared with Administrators. Further resources including OCSTA CEW Elementary and Secondary packages will be shared in April for distribution in schools. Planning for the Catholic Student Leadership Award Virtual celebration is well underway and will take place on Monday, May 2, 2022 during the school day.

4.8 Lenten Lectio Divina

Lorrie Temple has been emailing weekly Lectio Divina prayers with Trustees, Sr. Admin Team and Administrators during this Lenten season to help deepen their experience of prayer this season.

4.9 COVID Parish Guidelines in Schools Update

Lorrie Temple shared Diocesan COVID protocol updates. We are proceeding carefully and slowly back to in-person as mandates have been lifted. Schools will reach out to Parishes to arrange for Pastoral Ministry in schools.

4.10 Ukraine Discussion

Keri Calvesbert encouraged schools to pray daily. Individual schools are supporting Ukraine through various initiatives. Keri suggested schools take time to observe Pope Francis’ Consecration of Ukraine, Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on March 25th. Item 4.10 will remain on the agenda for future meeting discussion.



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4.11 Graduation Gifts

Dan Dignard proposed item 4.11 remain on agenda for future meeting discussion.

5. Questions/Discussions

N/A

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Dan Dignard.

Next Meetings: Thursday, May 19, 2022.