



**Faith Advisory Committee (FAC)  
Thursday, November 17, 2022 ♦ 2:00 p.m.  
Virtual Microsoft TEAMS Meeting**

- Present:** Tara Williams, Heather Graham, Andrew Hall, Father Ronald Angervil, Lorrie Temple, Keri Calvesbert
- Regrets:** Halaena Buenviaje, Tom Laracy, Carole Allen, Dan Dignard, Father Stephen Murrin, Father Augustine Ogundele, Mike McDonald
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**1. Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement**

Lorrie Temple opened the meeting with the Land Acknowledgement and prayer.

**2. Welcome/Video**

Lorrie Temple welcomed members of the committee. Andrew Hall will share a video from SJC at the January meeting.

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the September 29, 2022, meeting were approved.

**4. Information and Discussion Items**

**4.1 Lorrie/Keri Update on Faith Day 2022-23**

Lorrie Temple shared on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, we held our System-wide Faith Days for all staff to launch our Board Spiritual Theme of "We are Many, We are One." All staff, divided into Secondary Families of Schools, attended Mass at one of three designated parishes to begin the day. The New Permanent Employee Commissioning took place as part of each Mass at each parish location. Following the Mass, new employees received a Board pin and commemorative card. Staff returned to their schools or work sites for the remainder of the day and participated in a variety of faith development activities as suggested in the "Pastoral Theme Resource Package" developed by the Board Pastoral Team, including an interactive video recording from David Wells. All individual staff members received a copy of the book, "At Your Side" co-authored by David. All schools and sites designed and created a visual to represent the theme for their community. Visuals have been placed on display in schools and sites for the remainder of this school year. Both days were inspirational, life-giving days. Initial thoughts and planning for Faith Day 2023 will be shared at the January meeting.

**4.2 David Wells; Spiritual Bouquet for Bishop Crosby**

Keri Calvesbert explained as a follow-up to the videos that David Wells shared with the district as part of our Faith Days, we had the privilege of bringing David to us in-person. David is a renowned Catholic speaker, Catechist, and author from the UK. On November 8, 2022, he spent a full day with our Administrators speaking on "Radical Hospitality, Accompaniment and the Holiness of Interruption." All staff were invited to attend a presentation by David on the evening of November 8<sup>th</sup> (in-person or online) at the Diocese of Hamilton. On November 9, 2022, David spent a half-day addressing our Student Achievement Team, Student Support Services Team, and our Board Pastoral Team on similar topics as they applied to the roles of these teams. All schools in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to participate in a Spiritual



Bouquet to celebrate the upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bishop Crosby's Episcopal Ordination in January 2023. Schools were asked to keep a tally of prayers offered in thanksgiving for Bishop Crosby. Tallies will be collected and sent to the Diocese of Hamilton on November 30, 2022.

**4.3 Pen Pal follow up; Coats for Kids; Advent Retreat; Holy Childhood Association**

Keri Calvesbert explained that contact information for five schools in Poland hosting students from Ukraine was shared with all schools in the district, inviting them to participate in pen-pal letter writing. To date, participating schools include Assumption College School, Notre Dame, Caledonia, and Christ the King. Participating classes have been asked to update Keri as things unfold. Knights of Columbus, St. Basil's, Brantford donated 24 brand new winter coats to be distributed to students in need. Keri reported that all coats have been sent to schools with identified needs. On November 30<sup>th</sup>, CARFLEO, the Catholic Association of Religious and Family Life Educators of Ontario is hosting an Advent Twilight Virtual Retreat, "Journeying to Bethlehem with the Holy Family" and all BHNCD SB staff have been invited to participate. Bishops Fabbro and Dabrowski shared information about the Holy Childhood Association. Our Diocese of London schools are invited to prayerfully consider if, and how they might be able to support the Holy Childhood Association, recognizing the great work schools are already doing to support neighbours in need both locally and globally.

**4.4 Catholic Leadership Awards - Student**

Keri Calvesbert shared planning for the 2023 Catholic Student Leadership Awards afternoon leadership symposium and evening celebration are underway. The event will be held in-person at Holy Trinity Catholic High School, Simcoe on May 1, 2023. Fr. Augustine Ogundele (*pending confirmation on his calendar*) will preside at the awards celebration. Nomination forms and information will be shared with school Administrators at the upcoming AAC meeting on November 22, 2022.

**4.5 Catholic Leadership Awards – Adult**

N/A

**4.6 Secondary Faith Activity Sharing**

Tara Williams reported on the following activities in our Secondary schools: ACS hosted their annual Amplify Your Culture event on November 16, 2022. This year highlighted Saints Around the World. Chaplaincy students had 18 posters of saints that were created from various countries that students browsed, in addition to the 20 cultural displays. Last week, students from chaplaincy took part in the spiritual bouquet for Bishop Crosby's 25th anniversary by helping at the SSVP store for the morning as a prayerful act of charity. Next week, a week of prayer for vocations and for Bishop Crosby in his vocation will take place. At HT, as part of their SIP Staff Wellness, they are focusing on staff faith development opportunities. Four staff prayer breakfasts will be held with the first one being held on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. This will kick-off their weekly staff reflection mornings that will be held in our chapel on Monday mornings at 8:10 a.m. Reflection mornings will be 20 minutes long and will be a positive start to the week, giving staff a chance to connect and build community.

**4.7 Elementary Faith Activity Sharing**

Heather Graham gave an overview of what a variety of elementary schools participated in during the afternoon of the PA day with their staff. Activities included a meditation walk, mandala drawings, painting rocks to represent board theme and displayed as a rock garden at the school, pottery, bulletin boards displaying board theme, each staff member painted something that represented themselves and all paintings came together and were placed on a large cross displayed at the entrance of the school, and t-shirts made with the board theme.



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**4.8 Diocesan – Deanery Updates**

Fr. Ronald shared about the “Flying Fathers” Hockey fundraiser to support students in need and other local charities. Flyers and information will be shared out via BHNCD SB staff email and posted on the Café in the Hub.

**4.9 F.A.C.E.- Updates**

N/A

**4.10 ICE Symposium Update**

Lorrie Temple will share information at the January meeting.

**5. Questions/Discussions**

N/A

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Lorrie Temple.

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**Next Meeting:** January 31, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. (in-person and Teams)