



**Faith Advisory Committee (FAC)
Thursday, February 2, 2023 ♦ 2:15 p.m.
Virtual Microsoft TEAMS Meeting**

Present: Tara Williams, Heather Graham, Andrew Hall, Father Ronald Angervil, Carole Allen, Dan Dignard (Trustee), Father Augustine Ogundele, Lorrie Temple (Superintendent of Education), Keri Calvesbert

Regrets: Halaena Buenviaje, Tom Laracy, Father Stephen Murrin

1. Opening Prayer

Lorrie Temple opened the meeting in prayer.

2. Welcome/Video

Lorrie Temple welcomed members of the committee. Andrew Hall shared a video from SJC winning second place in the OCSTA CEW video contest.

3. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the November 17, 2022, meeting were approved.

4. Information and Discussion Items

4.1 Faith Day Update

Keri Calvesbert shared initial planning is underway for the September Faith Day scheduled for Friday, September 15, 2023. The Pastoral Planning Team is offering a system wide, site-based Day of Faith, Service and Hospitality. Components of the day include schools and sites will have the option to celebrate either a Mass at a local parish or participate in and facilitate a Liturgy of the Word at their school or site, prepared by the Pastoral Planning Team. Schools and sites may choose to join with other school communities or attend a Mass that the church is already celebrating. All staff will hear a speaker about service, faith, and connections to our new Board Spiritual Theme (to be released by OCSTA in June 2023). This component will be offered as a pre-recorded video giving communities flexibility to share when it best suits their schedule on the Faith Day. All schools and sites will participate in acts of service, compassion, and faith in their communities on this day. The Pastoral Planning Team will provide a list of suggestions and ideas. Schools and sites will have the autonomy to determine the kinds of service experiences along with the number of opportunities to reflect the gifts and talents of all in their communities. The connections made on this day of service can continue throughout the school year and beyond through building relationships and partnerships. The Pastoral Planning Team will provide all Administrators, Managers, and Facilitators with an updated Pastoral Resource Package to reflect the new Board Spiritual Theme. Additions to the resource will continue to be made on a monthly basis.

4.2 Ash Wednesday and Lent

Ash Wednesday takes place on Wednesday, February 22, 2023. Keri Calvesbert connected with all three Dioceses. Schools are to proceed with Ash Wednesday plans for Liturgy and receipt of ashes as prior to Covid. There are no longer Covid restrictions. Schools are to participate in either a Liturgy of the Word (in the school) or a Mass (at the Parish).



Administrators were informed to connect with their Parish Priest or Pastoral Team attached to their schools to make the necessary arrangements to celebrate Ash Wednesday. Keri also outlined that she connected with Brant SSVP and Norfolk SSVP. Collections of Caring and Reaching Out for Lent will take place as prior to Covid. All Administrators received an email outlining the priority needs, as determined by SSVP, for donations and collections. During Lent, all schools are encouraged to participate in a Collection of Caring. Haldimand schools are welcome to participate in either Brantford or Norfolk campaigns, or if schools wish to connect with local food banks in Haldimand County, this is permissible also.

4.3 Catholic Education Awards Update

Keri Calvesbert shared planning for the 2023 Catholic Student Leadership Awards afternoon leadership symposium and evening celebration are well underway. The event will be held in-person at Holy Trinity Catholic High School, Simcoe on May 1, 2023. Fr. Charles Akinloye, Norfolk Catholic Family of Parishes will preside at the awards celebration. Elementary and Secondary Nominations have been received by Directors Office. Congratulatory letters are being processed to be mailed out to families. Nominations for the Distinguished Catholic Graduate Award and the Outstanding Contribution to Catholic Education Award close on February 15, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

4.4 Eucharistic Minister Training

Dan Dignard shared that the Diocese of Hamilton offers Eucharistic Minister Training. Keri explained that training in all three Dioceses is to take place through the Parish. Andrew spoke to students being trained at St. John's College through the Parish (St. Pius X, Brantford).

4.5 Secondary Faith Activity Sharing

Tara Williams reported on the following activities in our Secondary schools: All three Secondary schools celebrated Advent Masses as well as participating in their respective giving campaigns for the Advent/Christmas season. Holy Trinity staff are continuing their Prayer Breakfasts. The next one is scheduled for February 21, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. (all are invited!). HT is planning to host NET retreats in April for all Grades 10 and 11 students to be held at St. Mary's Parish, Simcoe. Andrew Hall shared upcoming events at SJC including the Campus Ministry group working with St. Basil's CWL to make a milk bag mattress, a Valentine's Social at Riverview Terrace, an Ash Wednesday's Liturgy and Lenten Challenge by Grade, offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the school and Soup and Salad luncheons with staff during Lent.

4.6 Elementary Faith Activity Sharing

Heather Graham shared an update from St. Joseph's Catholic Elementary School in Simcoe. During the Advent season, the school participated in weekly Advent Liturgies led by a variety of students. The liturgies intentionally focused on Advent and connected to our Board theme of "We are Many, We are One." The school collected boxes and boxes of non-perishable food donations along with \$400.00 in gift cards for the Norfolk SSVP and the Women's Shelter. The Youth Leadership Team sold candy canes and raised just under \$700.00 which was donated to the Cancer Society.

4.7 Diocesan – Deanery Updates

Fr. Ronald shared St. Stephen's is hosting a variety of seating's between 5:00-8:00 p.m. at \$5.00/ticket for their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinners on February 21st, open to the parish and the public. Also, the Parish will be celebrating their 150 Anniversary. Plans are in the works to collaborate with the school for a joint venture to celebrate and unveil the history of St. Stephen's. Fr. Augustine reported he is preparing for Ash Wednesday Masses for the schools to



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be held in the parish. He will preside over 3 Masses in the school at St. Joseph's to accommodate their school size. Ashes will be sent to Holy Trinity Catholic High School for their Ash Wednesday celebration. Also, Fr. Augustine is preparing for Lenten Confessions to take place in the schools within the Norfolk Catholic Family of Parishes.

4.8 F.A.C.E.- Updates

Carole Allen provided the committee with an update on F.A.C.E.

5. Questions/Discussions

There were no questions or items for discussion.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Lorrie Temple.

Next Meeting: TBD