TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Chairpersons, 1953-2010

1953-1954  Averell Robinson, Q.C.
1956-1957  Gerard Godin
1958-1959  Georges B. Heenan
1960-1962  Michael J. Duggan
1963-1965  Edward J. Brisbois
1966-1967  Dr. J.J. Andrichuk
1970-1971  J.A. Fullerton
1972-1974  J.A. Marrase
1975-1976  Joseph Grittani
1977-1978  Rev. E.F. Boehler
1979-1980  Bruno M. Suppa
1981-1982  Paul J. Duggan
1983-1984  Edward T. McMahon
1984-1985  Rev. E.F. Boehler
1985-1986  Rev. C. Matthews, S.J.
1986-1988  Caroline M. DiGiovanni
1988-1989  Michael Lofranco
1989-1992  Donald E. Clune
1992-1994  Elvira DeMonte
1996-1997  Edward T. McMahon
1997-1999  Joseph Martino
1999-2000  Rose Andrichuk
2000-2001  Michael A. Del Grande
2001-2003  Joseph Carnevale
2003-2007  Oliver Carroll
2008-2009  Catherine LeBlanc-Miller
2009-2010  Angela Kennedy

Inaugural Meeting

Wednesday, December 8, 2010 • 7:00 p.m.
TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Trustees 2010 - 2011

Wards

1. Peter Jakovcic 416-512-3401
2. Ann Andrachuk 416-512-3402
3. Sal Piccininni 416-512-3403
4. Patrizia Bottoni 416-512-3404
5. Maria Rizzo 416-512-3405
6. Frank D’Amico 416-512-3406
7. John Del Grande 416-512-3407
8. Tobias Enverga 416-512-3408
10. Barbara Poplawski 416-512-3410
11. Angela Kennedy 416-512-3411
12. Nancy Crawford 416-512-3412
Natalie Rizzo, Student Trustee 416-512-3413

IMPROVING STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

Literacy—To improve overall level of students’ literacy skills by enhancing their reading and writing proficiency through an interdisciplinary approach.

Numeracy—To improve the overall level of students’ Mathematical literacy skills through problem solving experiences that involve the application and communication of concepts in Mathematics.

Success for All—To improve opportunities for all our students to achieve their desired destinations through a variety of programs, supports, assessment strategies and pathways (apprenticeship, college, community living, university and the workplace).

BUILDING CAPACITY TO LEAD AND LEARN

Empowering Catholic Leadership—To develop and support Catholic Educational Leaders who are energizing, caring, visionary, student-focused and collaborative role models in building a Catholic professional learning community.

Professional Development—To provide job-embedded professional development that focuses on broadening the range of skills, practices and attitudes needed to create sustainable improvement and better results.
NURTURING OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY THROUGH WORD, WORSHIP AND WITNESS: A THREE-YEAR PLAN

Faith Development: To create and celebrate Catholic community where all proclaim the Good News of the Gospel and where Catholic beliefs are modelled and integrated into the whole learning experience.

Safe, Inclusive and Healthy Learning Environment: To enhance the quality of the working and learning experience through improving schools and workplaces so that they contribute to positive health and respectful relationships.

Increasing Enrolment and Retention in Grades JK-12—To support and implement a variety of local and system initiatives that actively enhance the school profile and promote the benefits of Catholic education.

Agenda
Wednesday, December 8, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

1. Rite of Commissioning and Blessing of Trustees - celebrant, Bishop McGrattan (see pg. 4-15)
2. The Secretary calls the Meeting to order and invites all to join in the singing of the National Anthem with Roy Tugbang Student of Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts.

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Ô Canada!
Terre de nos âieux,
Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux!
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
Il sait porter la croix!
Ton histoire est une œuvre
Des plus brillants exploits,
Et ta valeur, de foi trempée,
Protège nos foyers et nos droits.

Protège nos foyers et nos droits.
Mission Statement

Our Mission
In a school community formed by Catholic beliefs and traditions, our Mission is to educate students to their full potential by providing:
- leadership in the shared responsibility for education that exists among schools, students, families, parishes and the community
- a safe and welcoming learning environment that is an example of Christian community
- role models of Gospel values and Catholic doctrines, teachings and beliefs
- guidance in what students need to learn
- instruction in the learning process itself
- religious, academic and technological instruction
- integration of Catholic, Christian beliefs into the total learning experience, and
- feedback on students' proficiency and performance

Vision of Our Students
We envision students who:
- are formed in the Catholic faith
- apply Christian values to life’s opportunities, challenges and choices
- pursue academic excellence
- demonstrate relevant knowledge and ability
- display self-esteem and self-respect
- strive to be the best they can be
- demonstrate skills for developing and maintaining personal and family wellness, and
- demonstrate global perspective and community responsibility

Vision of TCDSB
To provide students with the qualities they will require, our Vision of TCDSB is a school system that:
- is Christ-centered
- is student focused
- demonstrates a clear sense of purpose
- is visibly and demonstrably Catholic
- reflects empowering leadership
- applies collaborative decision making
- is innovative, and
- provides role models among all stakeholders for all these qualities
6. Recommending that the following be appointed as Trustee Members to the Audit Committee for 2010-2011:
   
   Trustee John Del Grande
   Trustee Jo-Ann Davis
   Trustee Barbara Poplawski

7. Recommending that the following be appointed as Trustee Members to the Suspension/Expulsion Committee for 2010-2011:
   
   Trustee Patrizia Bottoni
   Trustee Nancy Crawford
   Trustee Angela Kennedy
   Trustee Barbara Poplawski
   Trustee Maria Rizzo
   
   The remainder of the Board of Trustee to be alternates.

8. New Business/Urgent Business

9. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Board  Chair of the Board

Toronto Catholic District School Board

Inaugural Meeting

Toronto Catholic District School Board

13. Election of Trustee Members to the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) for the year 2010-2011. (Item 5, Report of Caucus)

14. Election of Trustee Members to the Audit Committee for the year 2010-2011. (Item 6, Report of Caucus)

15. Election of Trustee Members to the Suspension/Expulsion Committee for the year 2010-2011. (Item 7, Report of Caucus)

16. New/Urgent Business
   
   (a) Audited Financial Statements as of August 31, 2010 (distributed under separate cover)

17. Adjournment.

Reception to follow.

A Special Thank You To

Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts

Vocalist:  Roy Tugbang

Quartet:  Angela Lim
          Kelvin Mun
          Angelian Micha Djaja
          Min Joo Cho

Teacher:  Eric Hauser

Inaugural Meeting
Rite of Commissioning and Blessing of Trustees
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Invite all to stand.)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

SIGN OF THE CROSS

Bishop: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

GREETING

Bishop: The Lord be with you.
Celebrant All: And also with you.

INTRODUCTION

Reader 1:

We gather in prayer for our new Toronto Catholic District School Board Trustees. It is fitting that this Rite of Commissioning and Blessing occurs in this our second year of the Board’s Pastoral Plan: Word, Worship, and Witness. We stand in the rich tradition of the Church as we proclaim God’s Word, pray for God’s blessing upon those who have been called to serve the Catholic community, and send them forth to give witness to God’s grace.

Local Association                         Nominee
Down Syndrome Association                  Ashleigh Molloy
Community Living Toronto                   Raul Vomisescu
The Learning Disabilities Association of Toronto District  Marilyn Taylor
Autism Society of Ontario                   Ara Zovigian
Association for Bright Children of Ontario  Rosanna Del Grosso
VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children        John Lentz
Community Representative                  Dario Imbrogno
Community Representative                  Virginia Pearce

4. Recommending that the following be appointed as Trustee Members of the Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils Committee (SALEP) for 2010-2011:

   Trustee Patrizia Botroni
   Trustee Frank D’Amico- Alternate
   Trustee Barbara Poplawski- Alternate

5. Recommending that the following be appointed as Trustee Members to the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) for 2010-2011:

   Trustee Peter Jakovcic
   Trustee Maria Rizzo - Alternate

(b) Recommending the following be appointed as Association Representatives of the Special Education Advisory Committee for 2010-2014.

Inaugural Meeting
Report of Caucus Meeting of the Toronto Catholic District School Board


It was decided to report or recommend as follows:

1. Recommending that the Chair of the Board for 2010 - 2011 be Trustee Ann Andrachuk.
2. Recommending that the Vice-Chair of the Board for 2010-2011 be Trustee Jo-Ann Davis.
3. (a) Recommending the following be appointed as Trustee members of the Special Education Advisory Committee for 2010-2014:
   1. Trustee Angela Kennedy
   2. Trustee Frank D’Amico
   3. Trustee Tobias Enverga

We have begun to celebrate Advent: a holy season which places before us the mystery of Christ’s Second Coming. We prepare to welcome the Lord, who will come in glory at the end of time, but who also comes to us this day and every day in many and varied ways. We are invited to remain open to the promptings of the Spirit and to respond through lives of selfless service to others, so that the Lord may find in us his likeness.

On this day we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. God ensures our salvation by choosing Mary to be the Mother of the Lord from the very foundation of the world and by protecting her from original sin from the moment of her own conception. We are given a perfect model of that same holiness to which we are all called in God’s love.

OPENING PRAYER

Bishop: Let us pray.

O God, the giver of every perfect gift, by the grace of baptism, you adopt us as your own and call us to your service. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to live the Gospel we have embraced. Help us to work for the common good and keep us loyal to Christ in all that we do.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.
(Invite all to sit.)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:  Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12.

Reader 2: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

He destined us for adoption to sonship as his own through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.


All:  Amen.

(Bishop may wish to invite all present to extend a sign of Christ’s peace to each other.)

Credits:
Opening prayer, suggested psalm and Gospel passage, first paragraph of the presentation of the trustees, prayer of blessing, and some intercessions have been adapted from “Diocesan Organizations” in Celebrations of Installation and Recognition, Ottawa: Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005. Other intercessions have been adapted from “Catechists (Faith Education)” in Celebrations.

First reading is the second reading of the day for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Quoted scripture, psalm and psalm refrain are from Lectionary: Sundays and Solemnities. Ottawa: Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009
CONCLUDING RITES

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Bishop: Father,
the image of the Virgin is found in the Church.
Mary had a faith that your Spirit prepared
and a love that never knew sin,
for you kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception.
Trace in our actions the lines of her love,
in our hearts her readiness of faith.
Prepare once again a world for your Son
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

BLESSING

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Bishop: May the peace of God,
which is beyond all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 96

Reader 2: Declare the marvellous works of the Lord among all the peoples.

All: Declare the marvellous works of the Lord among all the peoples.

Reader 2: O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

All: Declare the marvellous works of the Lord among all the peoples.

Reader 2: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.

All: Declare the marvellous works of the Lord among all the peoples.

Reader 2: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.

All: Declare the marvellous works of the Lord among all the peoples.
Reader 2: Worship the Lord in holy splendour; tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, “The Lord is king! He will judge the people with equity.”

All: Declare the marvellous works of the Lord among all the peoples.

(Invite all to stand.)

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Bishop: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Bishop: Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand,

Bishop: With longing for the coming of God’s kingdom let us offer our prayer to the Father:

All: Our Father…
Grant that through their vision and direction they may be of service to this Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto and bring glory and honour to your name.

May your Spirit guide their activities that they may be renewed in faith and united in love as they work for the benefit of all your people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

(Invite all to stand.)

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Bishop: God wills the salvation of all. In company with the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us ask God to look on us with favour.

Reader 1: That the Church, the People of God, may grow in Christ and in the bond of common fellowship. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 1: That we may be docile to the teaching of the apostles so that our lives may be consistent with the truths we believe. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before human beings, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Invite all to be seated.)

HOMILY

RITE OF COMMISSIONING

PRESENTATION OF THE TRUSTEES

Bishop: I invite the Toronto Catholic District School Board of Trustees to please stand.

Dear friends, the life and vitality of the Toronto Catholic District School Board depends on all of its members, especially those who serve in roles of leadership.

Jesus came as our brother and Lord: faithful witness of God’s unbounded love for us and for all people. He is the Light of the World.
Our Lord has called the Church, the people of God, to work with him in bringing his light to all: in our homes, in our work, and in our recreation. Everyone who is baptized shares in this vocation: to be the light of the world with Jesus, and to bring the light of his Spirit to all the areas and concerns of human life.

As Catholic School Trustees, you have been entrusted by the Catholic community to stand in their name for the truth of Christ. It is your responsibility, given to you by parents and blessed by the Church, to work for the good of Catholic Education in our Province, and to promote peace and harmony in the Catholic School system and in the community.

TRUSTEES’ DECLARATION OF THEIR COMMITMENT

Bishop: I invite you to respond to the following questions as a sign of your commitment to guard the treasure of Catholic Education, which has been entrusted to you.

As Catholic School Trustees, what do you believe?

Trustees: We believe in the importance of the community in influencing the development of the whole person as declared in the Mission Statement of the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

Bishop: As Catholic School Trustees, what awareness do you need?

Trustees: We are aware of our need to form strong, supportive relationships with our Church, schools, and home communities.

Bishop: As Catholic School Trustees, what is your commitment?

Trustees: We are committed to strive daily to live the Gospel Values as taught by Jesus Christ.

Bishop: As Catholic School Trustees, what do you promise?

Trustees: We promise to be faithful to the teachings of the Church, and express our fidelity to the primacy of the Pope and the authority of the Magisterium.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Bishop: Let us pray for our Trustees, that God may bless them in their service.

(All pray silently for a while. Then the bishop extends his hand and continues:)

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the many and varied ways you build up your Church. Bless these Trustees of the Toronto Catholic District School Board.