



York Catholic District School Board

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York Catholic names Chair and Vice-Chair at Inaugural Board Meeting

At the December 2nd Inaugural Board Meeting, Elizabeth Crowe, Trustee for Aurora/King/Whitchurch-Stouffville, was named Chair by her fellow trustees. She has served as Chair of the Board for the past 16 years. Marlene Mogado, Trustee for Markham Area 2, Wards 4, 5, 7, 8 was named Vice-Chair. An election by ballot was not held as both Trustee Crowe and Trustee Mogado were acclaimed to their positions. The unanimous decision is a testament to the Board of Trustees' unified vision for Catholic Education in York Region.

Dominic Mazzotta, Trustee for Richmond Hill, nominated Trustee Crowe and said, "In her 20 years as Trustee, and 16 years as Chair, Trustee Crowe has a proven record of service. She has worked diligently and served on many Board committees. Trustee Crowe is committed to working tirelessly to enrich our Catholic Education system and to improving programs that address the needs of all of our learners."

In her address to the Board, Chair Crowe thanked trustees for their continuous support and said, "This is the beginning of a new four year term, a tenure that will bring new challenges, but also new and exciting possibilities. Together with our Board of Trustees, I remain committed toward our vision of implementing 21st century teaching strategies that will address the unique needs of all students so that graduates of the York Catholic District School Board become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens." Chair Crowe further indicated that she is committed to making informed decisions that will "ensure that York Catholic students continue to learn in safe, nurturing, creative and faith-filled environments."

Trustee Marlene Mogado was elected Vice-Chair of the Board, following a nomination by Carol Cotton, Trustee for Markham Area 1. "Trustee Mogado has served the Markham communities diligently and always maintained a region-wide perspective as decisions were made at the Board table," said Trustee Cotton in her nomination. "Our Board can be confident that Trustee Mogado will continue to approach all aspects of her work with integrity, inclusivity and the intention of putting students first in all that we do," Trustee Cotton continued.

Mogado, who has served on the Board since 2006, said she looks forward to working with her fellow trustees and staff to ensure a successful year. "After eight years of hard work, it is humbling for me to be Vice-Chair of the York Catholic District School Board, and to be entrusted with this responsibility," said Trustee Mogado.

All trustees were sworn in as they took the Oath of Allegiance and reaffirmed the York Catholic District School Board's Trustee Code of Ethics. His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins was appointed as Honorary Chair of the Board for the four-year term, and His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick was appointed as the Board's Honorary Trustee.

The York Catholic District School Board is made up of 10 elected trustees, and two non-voting student trustees. The role of the trustee is to provide effective and accountable use of the Board's fiscal resources and to develop, maintain, monitor and evaluate policies and organizational structures that support and promote the Board's goals of quality learning by all students.

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