



THE NIAGARA FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION ANNOUNCES \$1.2-MILLION TURF FIELD CAMPAIGN

Kicks campaign off with \$200,000 commitment to Saint Paul Catholic High School

The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education and the Niagara Catholic District School Board are pleased to announce a new initiative that will benefit current and future Niagara Catholic students, and the Niagara community.

During the Foundation's Annual Charity Golf Classic, President Peter Ferren announced plans to allocate \$200,000 from the Foundation's funds towards the cost of a new turf field at Saint Paul Catholic High School and a commitment to raise an additional \$1.2 million.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education, I am thrilled to announce the recent decision of the Foundation to approve the donation of \$200,000 of existing funds for a new turf field at Saint Paul Catholic High School," said Mr. Ferren. *"I am also pleased to announce the creation of the Foundation for Catholic Education Turf Field Capital Campaign. Through this campaign, the Foundation has a goal to raise an additional \$1.2 million, which will provide \$200,000 to fund turf field construction at the remaining Niagara Catholic secondary schools in the future."*

This investment would be the catalyst toward raising the funds required to support the installation of turf fields at Niagara Catholic secondary schools in the next several years.

Niagara Catholic accepted the Foundation's generous offer for the new field at Saint Paul and supported the Foundation for Catholic Education Turf Field Capital Campaign.

"Niagara Catholic's Board is committed to finding new and innovative ways to enrich student experience, and that goes beyond the classroom," said Board Chair Father Paul MacNeil. *"Niagara Catholic coaches and student-athletes follow the Play Like a Champion program created by the University of Notre Dame, which fosters a mindset of positive playing both on and off the field, and the new Niagara Catholic Athletic Association follows these principles. We also offer student-athletes and other students the*

opportunity to alter their schooling through our High Performance Academic Support Program, and have invested in creating indoor athlete training centres in secondary schools, including Saint Paul Catholic High School, and so the creation of a top-notch exterior playing areas is an extension of this commitment.”

Niagara Catholic Director of Education John Crocco said the Foundation’s new capital campaign will benefit Niagara Catholic schools and the communities they serve.

“We are grateful that the Foundation Board and our Board of Trustees have offered their support of the creation of the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education Turf Field Campaign,” said Director Crocco. “This is a fabulous addition to our schools and will be a benefit to our current and future students and the communities we serve. These new fields will not only be used by our Catholic elementary and secondary schools, they will be open to sports groups and other organizations throughout Niagara, as part of our commitment to viewing all of our schools as Community Hubs. We are most appreciative of this initial donation from the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education, and for their continued financial commitment to supporting our Catholic elementary and secondary schools.”

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