

NIAGARA CATHOLIC ANNOUNCES NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

Niagara Catholic Director of Education John Crocco is pleased to announce the appointment of Pat Rocca as Superintendent of Education, effective October 10, 2017.

Mr. Rocca has held a variety of school and leadership roles within Niagara Catholic, most recently as Principal of Cardinal Newman Catholic Elementary School. Prior to that, he was Principal of St. Mary Catholic Elementary School in Welland.

Board Chair Father Paul MacNeil congratulated Mr. Rocca on his appointment to the senior administrative team.

“The Board supports Mr. Crocco and Senior Staff in appointing Pat Rocca Superintendent of Education,” he said. “Mr. Rocca has proven himself to be a strong Catholic leader within the system and the communities he has served. We are confident that the leadership he has shown at the school level will be a valuable asset to Niagara Catholic’s Senior Administrative Council. On behalf of the entire Board of Trustees, I congratulate Mr. Rocca on his new leadership role, and look forward to working with him to ensure the continued success of all Niagara Catholic students.

“I also offer the Board’s best wishes to former Superintendent of Education Mark Lefebvre, who was a dedicated Catholic teacher, administrator and leader for 24 years prior to his retirement last month. He was a driving force within Niagara Catholic, and was a passionate advocate for students. We wish him all of God’s blessings on his retirement, and are grateful for his contribution to the legacy of Catholic education in Niagara.”

In announcing Mr. Rocca as Niagara Catholic's newest Superintendent of Education, Mr. Crocco described him as an exemplary Catholic leader.

"We are thrilled to welcome Pat Rocca as a member of our talented senior administrative team," Mr. Crocco said. "He is a dynamic, innovative and model Catholic leader, and we are confident he will bring a wealth of knowledge and experiences to his new leadership position. Mr. Rocca bears a strong witness to the vocation of Catholic education, and his commitment to servant-leadership for students, families and staff will make him an outstanding member of Senior Administrative Council. We look forward to him joining our executive leadership team on October 10, 2017.

"I would also like to extend my gratitude to Mr. Lefebvre for his years of dedicated service to Catholic education in Niagara. Whether it was when he was in the classroom teaching, as Principal of a school or in his Board leadership roles, his focus on student success was always clearly evident. We express our gratitude for his commitment to the students and staff with whom he served. We wish Mark every blessing as he begins his new journey in retirement and remains connected with the Niagara Catholic family."

Mr. Rocca thanked the Board of Trustees and Mr. Crocco for the trust and confidence shown in his Catholic leadership through his appointment.

"It is an honour to have been selected from a distinguished group of applicants to become Niagara Catholic's newest Superintendent of Education," said Mr. Rocca. "I am very excited at this opportunity to continue to serve Catholic students and their families in this new leadership capacity. I will certainly miss seeing the students at Cardinal Newman Catholic Elementary School every day, but I look forward to the road ahead, as I welcome a new challenge of serving students throughout Niagara Catholic."

Niagara Catholic provides excellence in Catholic education to approximately 24,000 students throughout Niagara; from Early Learning Kindergarten through graduation.

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