

SAINT FRANCIS CHAPLAIN RECEIVES PROVINCIAL CHAPLAINCY AWARD

Niagara Catholic is pleased to announce that Paul McGuire, Chaplaincy Leader at Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School in St. Catharines, is the 2018 recipient of the Brian J. Halferty Chaplaincy Award for Meritorious Service to Chaplaincy in the Province of Ontario.

Awarded by the Catholic School Chaplains of Ontario (CSCO), the Brian J. Halferty Award is given to a Chaplaincy Leader currently serving in a school who contributes to the role of chaplaincy, above and beyond all the regular demands of the position, which positively affects the role and position of all Chaplaincy Leaders in Ontario. Mr. McGuire has been a Chaplaincy Leader for Niagara Catholic since 2005, serving the school communities of Denis Morris Catholic High School (2005-2011), and Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School (2011-Present).

Board chair Father Paul MacNeil expressed his gratitude to all Board chaplaincy leaders for their hard work, their compassion and their commitment to Catholic education, and credited Mr. McGuire for his heartfelt commitment to our students.

“In their role as spiritual advisors to students and staff, chaplaincy leaders bring an important, faith-filled perspective which helps our school communities find meaning in the rich experiences of our world, with all its hopes and dreams and sometimes tragedies,” said Chair MacNeil. *“That Paul has been recognized by his peers with the Brian J. Halferty Award speaks volumes about his commitment to the faith life of students and staff at Saint Francis and, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, I congratulate him.”*

Director of Education John Crocco also offered his congratulations to Mr. McGuire.

“We are exceptionally proud of Paul for being selected by his colleagues for this very prestigious award,” said Director Crocco. “We know that he provides outstanding faith leadership at Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School, and it is truly an honour to have had someone from Niagara Catholic selected to receive the Brian J. Halferty Chaplaincy Award for Meritorious Service to Chaplaincy. He, and his elementary and secondary colleagues throughout Niagara Catholic, are truly outstanding in their field and represent the very best in faith leadership in Ontario. On behalf of the staff and students of Niagara Catholic, congratulations, Paul, on this tremendous honour.”

Niagara Catholic provides excellence in Catholic education to approximately 23,000 students throughout Niagara; from Early Learning Kindergarten through graduation.

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