

## NIAGARA CATHOLIC NAMED ONE OF CANADA'S BEST EMPLOYERS IN 2019

Each year, Forbes announces its list of [Canada's 300 Best Employers](#). For the first time, the Niagara Catholic District School Board was included as one of *Canada's Best Employers*.

In comprising its list, Forbes surveyed 8,000 Canadians working in multiple sectors for public and private companies and institutions with more than 500 full and part-time employees about their likelihood of promoting their employer to family and friends, and their impression of others within their industry. Employees answered anonymously and without any involvement from their employer.

Niagara Catholic was one of 22 educational institutions from across Canada to be included on the list, including five school boards and 17 universities. The Board was the only Catholic school board listed. In addition to posting on its website, Forbes shared its *Canada's Best Employers* list with its more than 40 million followers on social media.

Frank Fera, Chair of the Board, said being included as one of *Canada's Best Employers* is a credit to the Board's approximately 3,000 employees.

*"The Board is indeed overwhelmed with pride having been chosen as one of Forbes' best employers in Canada,"* said Mr. Fera. *"Undoubtedly, this is a credit to our dedicated employees and trustees."*

*"Niagara Catholic strives to be a caring, inclusive workplace, and this honour is a testament to that. It is gratifying and humbling to know that our staff and community think so highly of Niagara Catholic; and it is my pleasure, on behalf of the Board, to congratulate all of our employees who have undeniably been instrumental in the enhancement of our success as a Catholic educational system."*

Director of Education John Crocco said having Niagara Catholic included on the iconic global list is as gratifying as it was unexpected.

*“We believe in empowering and supporting our talented staff to expand their horizons, inspiring them become leaders who make an impact on the lives of all students very day, and in celebrating their success,” said Director Crocco. “The power of believing in and supporting each other as a team is in the feeling of satisfaction and joy that it brings to everyone throughout the system. This national recognition is evidence of the great pride we take in our staff, our students and in Niagara Catholic. It’s a great honour to be included among the best national and multi-national companies and some of Canada’s most-respected pillars of education, and we will continue our focused collaboration to ensure Niagara Catholic remains one of the very best places in Canada to go to work and school.”*

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

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