

Trustee Questionnaire Preamble

Education is of crucial importance to families and to the general well being of societies. Schools are the principal modern institutions by which societies recreate themselves and transmit sound values to their citizens. Catholic schools exist to teach and transmit the truths of the Catholic faith as taught by the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.

The school trustee for Catholic school boards holds grave responsibility, being an elected steward of the school system, empowered to ensure that Catholic schools faithfully uphold and transmit the fullness of that teaching in every part of the school curriculum and in the social environment of the school.

Trustee Questionnaire

Please respond to the following questions. If you wish to elaborate for any question, do so on the the next page.

If elected as a trustee of your Catholic school board:

1. Are there any circumstances under which you believe a woman should have access to abortion? (note: a surgical or medical intervention, designed to prevent the death of the mother but which results in the unintended and undesired death of the pre-born child, is not an abortion. e.g. in case of tubal pregnancy or cervical cancer) YES NO

2. Will you personally uphold and work toward the public promotion of total fidelity to the faith and moral teachings of the Catholic Church? (Current examples include the illicitness of abortion, contraception and homosexual practice) YES NO

3. Will you actively promote and defend the teaching of Catholic doctrine, the importance of prayer and a regular sacramental life? YES NO

4. Will you work against any attempt to expand the sex-ed program in the Catholic schools which is contrary to Church teaching, such as the one which included oral sex, masturbation and homosexuality, recently offered by the ministry? YES NO

5. Will you work to ensure that Catholic schools do not invite guest speakers who have publicly expressed positions that contradict the morality and teaching of the church, no matter how great their achievements in politics, business, sports, science or the arts? YES NO

6. Will you work to ensure that educational materials that enter the premises of Catholic schools (e.g. library resources, curriculum texts, awareness campaigns, flyers) and all approved school activities are consistent with and do not undermine the morality and teachings of the Church? YES NO

7. Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) is an infection that is transmitted through sex. Will you therefore oppose HPV vaccination in schools because it sends the message to students, teachers and parents that obedience to Church teaching on abstinence before marriage is neither expected or necessary? YES NO

8. Will you work to ensure that your Catholic school board enacts a policy requiring all agents and employees of the board to uphold the rights of custodial parents to direct and control the education of, and any medical treatment provided to, their dependent children attending its schools? YES NO

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Date Signature

Detailed explanation for each question on this survey:

#1. Some candidates state they are opposed to abortion but would still allow it under specific conditions. These exceptions vary widely depending upon these candidates' understanding of the issue or personal experiences or beliefs. It is important that the voters are aware if there are any such exceptions. "The life of the mother exception" is often misunderstood by candidates noting that exception. In the case of an ectopic pregnancy (baby implanted in the fallopian tube), the mother's life is endangered by that situation and the child is certain to die as it grows. Removal of the fallopian tube to protect the mother's life is not a direct killing of the unborn child within the tube. It is considered treatment of the mother and is NOT an abortion. Similarly, when a pregnant woman is discovered to have cancer and is treated for that cancer with radiation and/or chemotherapy, the possible resulting death of her unborn child is NOT considered an abortion. That is because the measures are directly intended to treat the mother and NOT to kill her unborn child. As for intended abortions, there are no longer ANY valid reasons to consider such abortions being necessary to save a mother's life. The medical profession has for some time now been capable of treating BOTH mother and child in all situations. However, it is common for physicians to strongly suggest, in response to difficult pregnancies, that a mothers' life is endangered. Abortion is then frequently and unnecessarily recommended in order to lessen complications, extra costs and possible lawsuits. If you accept abortion for rape and incest, you kill the child for the crime (sins) of the father."

#2, 3. All too often, issues such as abortion, contraception, family, marriage, sexuality, sacramental life, prayer etc. are taught/discussed/promoted in schools in ways that contradict the moral teachings of the Catholic Church. It is imperative that Catholic Trustees ensure that these issues are introduced to students in accordance with Catholic teaching.

#4. Premier Kathleen Wynne has promised to re-introduce an explicit, age-inappropriate, sex education curriculum in all schools across the province. This curriculum also contradicts Catholic moral teaching in the area of marriage and human sexuality. However, Catholic School Trustees have the constitutional right, under Section 93 of the Constitution Act of 1867, to reject any government law, regulation or curriculum that adversely affects the content of Faith and Morals. For info on the Sex-ed curriculum that was introduced under the McGuinty/Wynne government (which was later rejected due to overwhelming pressure from concerned parents) go to: http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/index.php?p=Sex_Ed_Curriculum

#5, 6. More and more, Catholic Schools are inviting public figures or representatives from organizations who oppose the morality and teaching of the church. In some cases, they are also Catholic. For example, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau who publicly states his support for abortion on an ongoing basis, has spoken in dozens of schools earning thousands of dollars. Even if his talks have nothing to do with abortion, the fact that a Catholic School is financially supporting a politician who publicly undermines the Catholic Church, sends mixed messages to the student body. In regards to materials that are disseminated throughout the school, Catholic trustees have a responsibility to ensure that students are not given materials that oppose Catholic Teaching. For example, some schools may have crisis-pregnancy brochures that highlight abortion or contraception as a perfectly acceptable solution.

Detailed explanation for each question on this survey (continued)

#7. HPV vaccination in Catholic schools should be opposed by Catholics for two reasons:
A) To protect the spiritual health of Catholic girls which is jeopardized by permitting these vaccinations to take place

Permitting vaccinations for an infection that is transmitted almost exclusively through recreational sex, undermines the Church's teaching that sex should be reserved for marriage.

A considerable risk exists that the Church's teaching on chastity would be undermined by the mixed messaging that is sent when Catholic schools offer HPV vaccinations. When a Catholic organization facilitates vaccination of youth for something that is contracted through sexual activity, it risks sending kids this message: "It's not realistic to expect your obedience to God's laws. Let's just assume you'll have premarital sex and plan for it." For many teens, that could be seen as giving license.

The way some kids are going to perceive this is "Oh, the Catholic school, my teachers and even the Church doesn't believe it's possible for me to strive for sexual purity or chastity. Why should I believe it?" This undesirable effect may also be visited upon teachers and parents who perceive the same mixed message who are well aware that HPV is contracted primarily through casual sex.

B) To protect the physical health of young girls which is put at risk by the HPV vaccine

The HPV vaccines (Gardasil & Cervarix), made by multi-billion dollar pharmaceutical companies, are responsible for serious adverse reactions including paralysis and death. As empirical evidence of the serious health risks associated with the HPV vaccine, consider the following:

- There have been thousands of ongoing adverse reactions to the vaccine, plus more than 100 deaths. Tens of thousands of girls vaccinated have reported adverse effects including Guilliane Barre, lupus, seizures, paralysis, blood clots, brain inflammation, and more.
- A 2013 medical study in Japan noted "serious cases of pains or body convulsions, pains in joints, or difficulty in walking," with girls developing seizures, body tics, blindness and pancreatitis.
- In 2008, the USFDA received reports of 28 deaths associated with the HPV vaccine.
- In the clinical studies alone, approximately **1 out of every 1,000 of those who received Gardasil in the study died**, while, by comparison, the cervical cancer death rate is only 1 out of every 40,000 women per year.

#8. This question is essentially about "medical treatment" that could be interpreted by some school staff or public health nurses to include contraception, abortion referrals, counselling for sexually-confused children that might suggest to them they are "born gay" and should embrace that lifestyle, or recommending sex-change surgery or related hormone therapy. This question is not dealing with vaccinations for measles, mumps, or the emergency decision to give a blood transfusion in order to save a child's life.

Elaboration Page (if desired)

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Candidate's name

Date

Signature