



REPORT TO

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL BEING, CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

BLESSED POPE PAUL VI CATHOLIC SCHOOL NAME CHANGE

“Parents and teachers, your task- and the many conflicts of the present day do not make it an easy one- is to help your children and your students to discover truth, including religious and spiritual truth.”

- EVANGELII NUNTIANDI (78), *Apostolic Exhortation of his Holiness Pope Paul VI, 1975*

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT

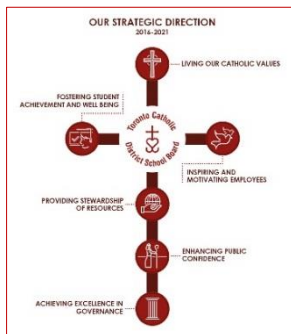
Vision:

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

Mission:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.

We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Giovanni Battista Montini was born on September 26, 1897 in Concesio, Bescia, Italy. He was ordained Bishop and Archbishop of Milan in 1954 and was elevated to the College of Cardinals in 1958. In June 1963 Cardinal Giovanni Montini was elected and installed as the 262nd Pope of the Roman Catholic Church taking the name of Paul. Pope Paul VI died in 1978 and left behind a fifteen year legacy that included his encyclical *Humanae Vitae* in 1968. He was a champion of the Church's social justice teachings. History also has commented that Paul VI was an evangelical Pope like Pope Francis. Paul believed that the world “has a constant need of being evangelized,’ and that people today ‘listen more willingly to witnesses than to teachers,’”. Pope Paul VI was Beatified on October 19, 2014 and is expected to be canonized on October 14, 2018.

(Source: National Catholic Reporter (online). October 18, 2014. “Pope Paul VI is almost a saint. Here are four of his biggest legacies”, by David Gibson, Religion News Service.)

Pope Paul VI Catholic School was incorporated into the Metropolitan Separate School Board in 1974. On October 5, 1976, His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, bestowed his official blessing on the school on October 5, 1976. The official opening and solemn blessing of the school took place on April 26, 1981 at its current site at 270 Laughton Avenue. The school serves the Caledonia and St. Clair community, and is currently located in Ward 6.

The TCDSB and the Blessed Pope Paul VI school community are requesting an official name change to coincide with the canonization of Blessed Pope Paul VI on October 14, 2018.

Staff recommends to change the name of the school from “Blessed Pope Paul VI Catholic School” to “Saint Paul VI Catholic School”.

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B. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to request an official name change for the school from “Blessed Pope Paul VI Catholic School” to “Saint Paul VI Catholic School” in accordance with Board Policy S. 07.

C. BACKGROUND

1. Upon the announcement earlier this year that Pope Francis would be canonizing Blessed Pope Paul VI, consultations began within the school community regarding the consideration of the name change of the school. The supporting documentation from the school community is found in **Appendix A**. The local parish and Catholic School Parent Council are endorsing the suggested name change.
2. On September 14, 2018, correspondence was received by the Board from the Office of the Cardinal, Archdiocese of Toronto approving of the name change following the canonization.
3. In anticipation of this occasion the school is planning a celebration of the official name change on October 15, 2018

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. It is a consistent practice that we change the name of our schools when the Church further recognizes religious figures from our Faith.
2. The process of Beatification and Canonization is an important sign by the Church to proclaim to the world the holiness of people of faith as witnesses to Christ.
3. Our schools who are named after such individuals become signs to the community of Catholic Faith. The namesake of schools inspires the students and staff and fosters spiritual growth consistent with our Pastoral Plan.
4. The celebration of the life of Pope Paul VI will support our Catholic mission and vision and will enhance the spiritual development of the school community.

E. IMPLEMENTATION, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

1. This celebration of the school's namesake will be an additional feature to "We Belong" as part of our Pastoral Plan.

F. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees support the staff recommendation for an official name change of the school from “Blessed Pope Paul VI Catholic School” to “Saint Paul VI Catholic School”.