



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

BLESSED MARGHERITA OF CITTA DI CASTELLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NAME CHANGE

“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’ ” Matthew 19:14

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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

Blessed Margerita of Citta di Castello was canonized a saint by Pope Francis on April 24, 2021. The Blessed Margerita of Citta di Castello Catholic Elementary School community is requesting an official name change in recognition of the canonization.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 3 hours

B. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to request an official name change for the school from Blessed Margerita of Citta di Castello Catholic Elementary School to St. Margerita of Citta di Castello Catholic Elementary School.

C. BACKGROUND

1. **Margaret of Città di Castello** (1287 – 12 April 1320) was an Italian Roman Catholic. Margaret became known for her deep faith and holiness. Her parents abandoned her in a local church due to her disabilities. She was cared for by community members and resided in a convent. Margaret was accepted by Dominican friars as a secular member in their third order. She started a school for children to teach them in the faith and often provided childcare for children to support parents and families.
2. Margaret's holiness was recognized by many people in her life and they lobbied for her to be buried in the local church. Her beatification received approval from Pope Paul V on 19 October 1609. Pope Francis later declared her a saint through equipollent canonization on 24 April 2021.
3. When the canonization of Blessed Margherita was announced, members of the school community began consultation to discuss school renaming possibilities. Multiple members of the community were consulted including administration, staff, the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC), students, the local Trustee, the Area Superintendent, Board staff, the local Pastor and the Archdiocese of Toronto.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. After consultation with stakeholders and the Archdiocese of Toronto, the preferred name choice for the school is St. Margherita of Citta di Castello Catholic Elementary School.
2. The Chancellor of the Office of Spiritual Affairs at the Archdiocese of Toronto confirmed the recommended new name for the school was St. Margherita of Citta di Castello in a letter dated April 1, 2022. (Appendix A).

E. IMPLEMENTATION, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

1. Once approved officially by the Board of Trustees, the school community will be informed of the official new school name.
2. The selection of the official name of St. Margherita of Citta di Castello Catholic Elementary School will be communicated to the general public through a media release and supported by various social and traditional media channels.
3. School signage and all other identification, including web-based information, will be implemented as soon as possible.

E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees approve the name change of the school from Blessed Margherita of Citta di Castello to St. Margherita of Citta di Castello.