

Staff Announcement

The Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board (PVNCCDSB) is pleased to announce that it has appointed Joan Carragher as new Director of Education and Secretary/Treasurer to the board.

Ms. Carragher has been a Catholic educator and leader for over 30 years and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role. Since 2012, she has held the role of Superintendent of Learning with responsibility for a Family of Schools, Special Education and Human Resources. Prior to that, she was a teacher with Toronto Catholic District School Board, with the Catholic Schools Office in Newcastle, Australia, and with PVNCCDSB. Ms. Carragher has served as a vice-principal at St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School in Bowmanville, and as principal at St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School in Cobourg and at St. Alphonsus Catholic Elementary School in Peterborough.

"I feel very blessed to be chosen as the next Director and to lead and serve the school communities of PVNCCDSB," said Ms. Carragher who begins her new role on January 1, 2021. "I am committed to ensuring that our students feel loved in safe and inclusive faith-filled learning environments."

Ms. Carragher holds a Masters of Education degree from the University of Toronto. She has also earned many certificates of leadership including the Institute on Leadership and Strategic Impact at the Ivey Business School, Western University, Ontario Supervisory Officers Executive Leadership Program at the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto and an Osgoode Certificate in Education Law, York University.



JOAN CARRAGHER

Provincially, Ms. Carragher is a member of Ontario Catholic School Business Officials Association and a member of the Council of Directors of Education Consortium for Leading from the Middle research. She has also served as the regional representative on the Board of Directors for Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers Association. Locally, Ms. Carragher has led the development and implementation of the Mental Health and Well Being Strategy for students and staff as well as successfully developing and delivering the Board Leadership Development Strategy.

Board Chairperson Michelle Griepsma shared, "Joan Carragher spoke passionately to the Trustees about hope, resilience, and the sharing of our Catholic faith, especially during these challenging times. She knows our system deeply, through the many roles of leadership in which she has distinguished herself over the years. We know there will be a smooth transition to her leadership as she builds on the past and guides us towards the future with God's help."

Ms. Carragher and her husband Michael reside in Peterborough and have two daughters, Charlotte and Emma, who are graduates of PVNCCDSB and are both currently studying at the post secondary level. She is actively involved in her parish, serving as a lector at the Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains. "I look forward to working collaboratively with our trustees, staff, administrators, parents, parishes, and students to carry on the strong tradition of fulfilling the mission of Catholic education in PVNCCDSB," Ms. Carragher said.

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