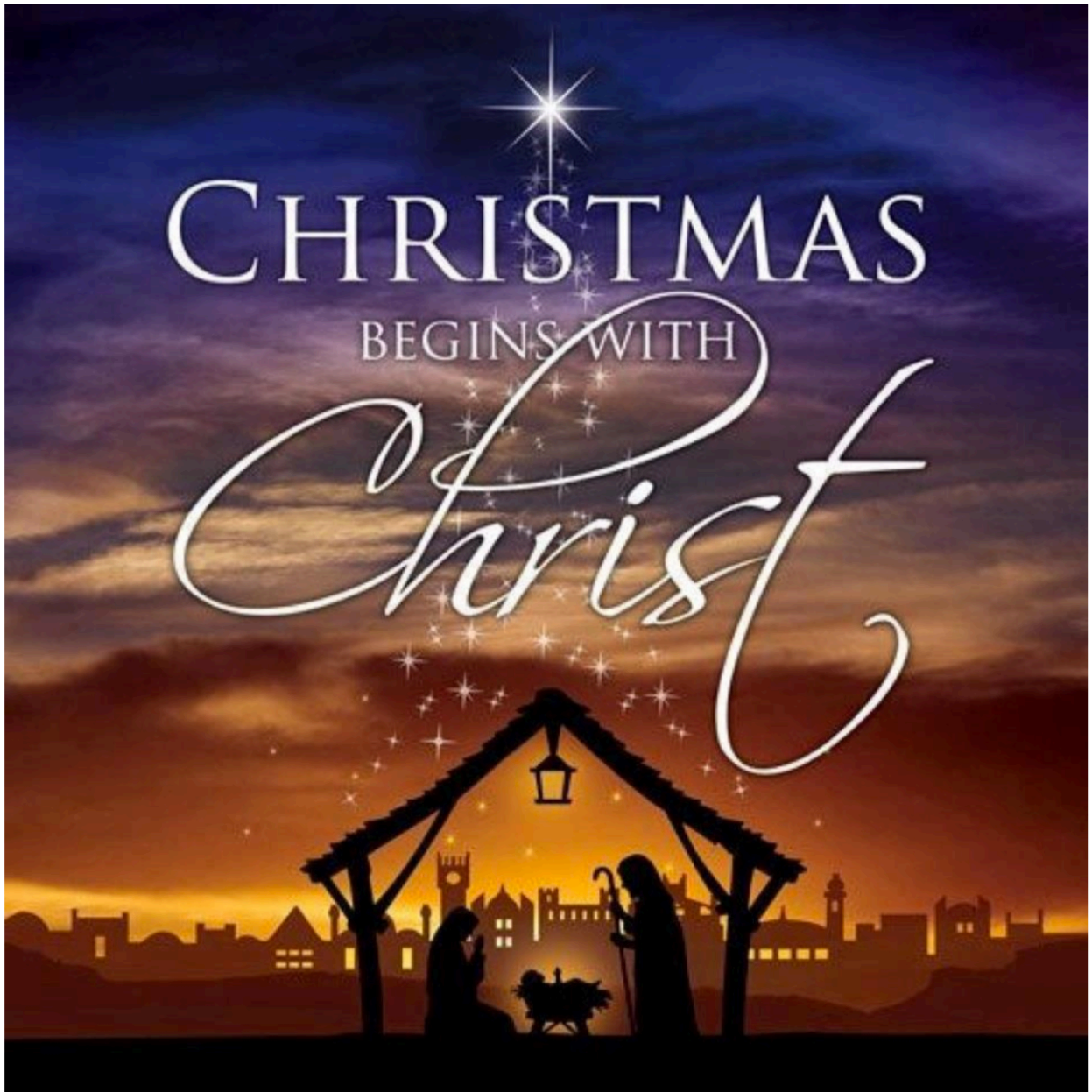


# *CSCO Christmas Newsletter*

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December 25th, 2019



What a wonderful time of year! The Christmas Season and the Christmas holidays! Thank you, Jesus. Thank you for coming to us and being with us and preparing a place for us. We've all worked very hard. We're so involved in the building up of His Kingdom. God bless you in your ministries. And prayers for all our chaplains who are ill and for those of us who are going through a tough time. Jesus strengthen us and protect us and guide us.

And in the words of Tiny Tim, "God bless us, everyone!"



*Lorenzo Campanelli, Chaplaincy Leader with the HCDSB*

## WORDS OF WISDOM

#1:

There is no doubt in my mind that I was called to Chaplaincy. No, perhaps it's more accurate to say that between our good and persuasive God and my spiritual director, I was both pushed and pulled into Chaplaincy. For the first six months of my ministry, I stopped in to see my spiritual director every night on my way home to recount the day's events, the students I'd met, the situations I couldn't conceive of and to report that I had managed to evade the "Career Police" yet again, avoiding the charge of impersonating a chaplain! In addition to being a wife and mother of four, I was surprised to find another sense of meaning - a third *raison d'être* - in the role of shepherd to 2,200 students and over 100 staff.

By the time I entered the second stage of my ministry, I had moved to a different school, worked with dozens of principals and thousands more students, and settled into as much of a "confidence in my abilities" that any one of us can. Considering the boundaries, players and parameters of our ministries change without notice on a daily basis, and let's be honest, sometimes from moment to moment, I felt good about my work and service; I was living out my vocation to the best of my ability assured that God is, was and always will be "in my corner"!

The final trimester of my ministry evolved out of a "perfect storm" of trauma and tragedy in both my school life and personal. The confluence of so much stress, prompted me to seek a brief "hiatus" from active ministry, followed by



a move to ministry in Elementary School Chaplaincy. I was rewarded by so many opportunities to be a part of 23 very different school communities, many more principals, and thousands more students, ranging in age from 5 to 14. It was a gift!

When I entered Chaplaincy 25 years ago, my imposter syndrome forced me to lean heavily on my belief that all would unfold as God intended. Thankfully, as it always does, my faith carried me through two plus decades of opportunities for growth and eventually helped me to let go of the very work I was challenged to take on all those years ago. Transitioning into retirement was a much tougher nut to crack than I had anticipated, but I have grown to love every minute of the flexibility and time I have to help in the schools of my daughter, and my grands! I thank God every day for the gift that was my service, in His service!



*Dee Sproule, Retired, Dee served with the WCDSB and as President of CSCO*



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# 2:

Just to let you know I am retired and living in China.

Ruth has taken a position at a private school in Hangzhou. I didn't actually know for sure I would be retiring until August when we finally received our Visas.

hope all is well and the best for the Christmas season,

peace,

Mike

*Mike Finan, Retired, Mike served with the DCDSB*



*The City of Heaven---Hangzhou*

*There's a Chinese saying that goes "shang you tian tang, xia you su hang" - up there is heaven, down here is Suzhou and Hangzhou. The first Westerner to visit Hangzhou, Marco Polo, marveled at its beauty. At the end of the 13th century, he described Hangzhou as "the City of Heaven, the most beautiful and magnificent in the world."*



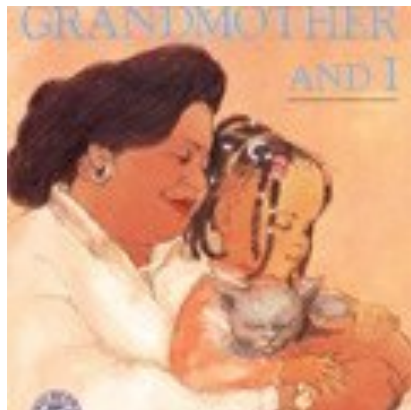
## **BEREAVEMENT**

My Nana (Lena P. Anderson née Trindade) died Nov 9th at 7:45 PM Melbourne time, surrounded by her huge family (including my Dad), love and prayer. She was 99.75! (Born February 19, 1920 in Visakhapatnam, India). I was her first grandchild. She was a retired teacher and a great-great-grandmother, too. (My grandfather died in his sleep in 1981 after doing a 40 hour fast for charity.)

Mass intentions or Mass cards are welcome as Lena was the matriarch of our family's Catholic faith, living in faith, hope, love and joy every day.

We used to travel together, and I even lived with her for 6 months in Melbourne before starting grad school. I have many beautiful memories of our adventures together. The rest of my family was in Australia for the funeral. Thank you for your prayers and messages of love and support. What a blessing to say she was my Nana.

*Genevieve Anderson, Chaplaincy Leader with the DPCDSB*



## TREASURY OF PRAYERS

Gillian opened the HCDSB fall in-service for chaplaincy leaders and pastoral animators in Oakville with the following prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to follow you as joyful disciples. Help us to respond wholeheartedly and to find your joy in all that we do.

Teach us to be faithful evangelists in word and in action.

Generous Lord, you have given us every spiritual and material blessing. Show us how to share our gifts with others, and inspire us always to follow your example of generous self-giving.

Gracious Lord, teach us to serve with a joyous and grateful heart that we may provide hope, consolation, and pastoral care to your people and thus give glory and honour to your holy name. Amen.

Gillian Federico, System Chaplain and Adult Faith Animator with the HCDSB

## A Day with David Wells for Pastoral Animators, School Chaplains and Parish Workers

Schools can't operate without systems and provisions. Thanks to you, other people get to do what they do. Pope Francis calls this Accompaniment. It won't change how you do what you do, but it might change why you do it. Let's look at Accompaniment ... As the Home-School-Parish Triad is essential to who we are as a faith community, walking arm-in-arm with each other is foundational: accompaniment is the beginning of a beautiful relationship!

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: St. John (O) - Library (1480 Mansfield Drive, Oakville) FACILITATOR: David Wells



## NEWS FROM AROUND THE PROVINCE

#1:

It is such an honour to join the WPS as a Chaplain, a position I hold with the WECDSB. It's hard to believe my father retired from the WPS over 31 years ago. Thank you for all the support



Windsor Police Service

December 9 at 3:51 PM

Linda Presello was sworn in at this afternoon's Police Services Board meeting as the first female Chaplain for the Windsor Police Service. We want to welcome Linda, although she is no stranger to the WPS - as the daughter of a retired police officer (father).

*Linda Presello, Chaplaincy Leader with the WECDSB*

#2:

Our school year has been filled with a lot of student incidences and issues - it's keeping our Alert team busy as we try to tackle each situation as best as possible. Everything from students being sex-trafficked, serious car accidents and school-shooting threats. It's been a bit nutty!

Kate and Rem are healthy and happy. Rem is in daycare now and enjoying it. He commutes with Kate to Stratford. And Kate's glad to be back to work. Between work, Rem, ministry in the diocese and doing our masters...we are busy! But blessed to be so :)

*Steve Norman, Chaplaincy Leader with the BHNCD SB (and Kate Norman, Chaplaincy Leader with the HPCDSB and 1 year old son, Jeremiah)*

### **Prayer to the Holy Trinity**

*May the love of the Father enfold us,  
and the wisdom of the Son enlighten us,  
the fire of the Spirit inflame us;  
and may the blessing of the triune God rest on us,  
and abide with us, now and evermore. Amen.*



#3:

As you might know, we record a song for each child we have so we decided to go to the studio and do a song for the twins. Here is the link to the song if you want to give it a listen

<https://katiehall.bandcamp.com/track/over-the-moon>

Babies are doing amazing. Zach had to spend a few extra days in the hospital because of fluid in his lungs but he is now home. A lot of prayers went up for Zach so we really appreciate it. God is good. Katie is doing great too. David and Zach were baptized in November.



*Andrew Hall, Chaplaincy Leader with the BHNCD SB (and Don Hall, Chaplaincy Leader with the HWCDSB)*

#4:

Part 2 (Refer to the Thanksgiving Newsletter for Part 1)

A beautiful slideshow from Maureen: the introduction to the prayer will mention 9/11 as well as the Pay It Forward movement. In this year when we are inviting all in the school board to "Love Kindness and Mercy", I thought it would be good to seize this moment as we start off a new school year.

Please take a moment to review the slide show.

Maureen invited students to Pay It Forward to their feeder schools by purchasing a freezie which was sold by Student Council.

Money raised was added to her school's Jean's Day fund and 50/50 draw money was used to purchase a small gift for each of its feeder schools.

Thank you for help in building a community of kindness here at St.Paul.

Check out the slideshow below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BxzSsTEIgKdXbVhLcklpdldxX3ktbnV3cWpiM3ZobWVhWEIR/view?usp=sharing>

*Maureen Dufour, Chaplaincy Leader with the OCDSB*



REMINDER

The BRIAN J. HALFERTY  
Chaplaincy Award for Meritorious Service  
to School Chaplaincy in Ontario  
2020 NOMINATION FORM

Candidates for the Brian Halferty Chaplaincy Award must meet the following criteria:

- Extraordinary service to students and staff;
- Commitment to Chaplaincy networking regionally or provincially;
- Demonstrated promotion of Catholic Social teaching;
- Support to colleagues in Chaplaincy;
- Proven leadership;
- Regular participation and healthy respect for Catholic Faith tradition;
- Minimum of 10 years in School Chaplaincy;
- Ongoing commitment to theological education and faith formation;
- Be a current member of CSCO.

NAME of NOMINEE

EMAIL ADDRESS

SCHOOL BOARD

SCHOOL NAME

SUBMITTED BY

EMAIL ADDRESS

Please describe the nominee's contributions to Chaplaincy using the above criteria. You may prefer to type up your submission in Word or similar software. Just include that document as an attachment as well as this completed nomination form when you email the CSCO Vice-President. You may also include supplementary information if you choose.

Please email this completed form and any attachments

by February 28, 2020 to the

CSCO Vice-President at [cscovp@gmail.com](mailto:cscovp@gmail.com)

The 2020 Brian Halferty Award winner will be decided by a specific committee of CSCO members. This year's winner will be announced at the annual conference April 22-24, 2020.

You will find the form at the CSCO website.

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Thanks to Dee, Mike, Gillian, Jolene, Steve, Andrew and Don and Maureen for their contributions.

The next one will be issued in Easter 2020.

Please consider submitting any good news, prayers, stories, reflections, or insights by April 2nd, 2020 for the next Newsletter. Send it to Lorenzo at [cscovp@gmail.com](mailto:cscovp@gmail.com). Include a photo or image.



*Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year! Hope, peace, joy, and love to you all!*