



PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education

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AGENDA

Wednesday, May 27, 2020 – 3:15 P.M.

We are called always and everywhere to: model Christ, pray and serve, build a faith community.

2019 – 2020 Theme: How can we help each student and each other have an encounter with Jesus each day?

“Come near to God and he will come near to you.” James 4:8

The Public Board Meeting will be streamed live and be recorded via Google Meet. The video will be available to the public after the meeting has been adjourned.

1. **Call to Order:** Dick Mastel

2. **Opening Prayer:** Deacon Robert

Incl. 2-3

3. **Approval of Action Agenda**

RECOMMENDATION:

“**THAT** the Action Agenda dated May 27, 2020 be approved as circulated”.

4. **Action and Discussion Items**

3.1 2020 – 2021 Budget (MacPherson)

5. **Closing Prayer**

Carrying out Your Ministry: *Lord, thank you for being with us during this meeting and for having guided our thoughts, words and actions. Stay with us now as we leave this meeting and return to our respective lives. Help us to keep you, as you are now, in our thoughts, words, and actions. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.*

6. **Adjournment (Dick Mastel)**

Notice of Public Board Meetings

- All regular scheduled Public Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday at 4:30 PM of each month at the Catholic Education Centre located at 1251 1st Avenue SW (unless otherwise advertised) excluding July and August.
- General Public are welcome to attend – Information can be found at www.mhcbe.ab.ca or by calling 403-527-2292.
- Next Meeting: June 9, 2020 at 4:30 P.M.

We Belong to Jesus

May 27, 2020

John 17:119(Deacon Robert)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

The Gospel of the Lord .

Introductory Prayer: (Peter)

Lord, we quiet our hearts to reflect on your final words to your disciples. Help us to draw from this time of prayer a deeper understanding of your love for us, as your disciples.

1. Lifting His Eyes to Heaven(Kathy) For three consecutive days (yesterday, today, and tomorrow), the Gospel begins with, "Lifting up his eyes to heaven." Jesus, who is also God, raised his eyes when he spoke to the Father. Jesus also raised his eyes as he prayed to the Father to raise Lazarus from the dead (John 11:41). Perhaps Jesus is calling our attention to the transcendence of God the Father, of his power and might, of his "otherworldliness." God, the Father, is infinitely deserving of our praise and we raise our eyes most naturally when we are lifting our hearts to him in humble prayer. "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall be always in my mouth. My soul will glory in the Lord" (Psalms 34:13)

2. Keep Them from the Evil One(Dick) In his farewell discourse, Our Lord petitioned the Father for many graces on behalf of his disciples, and all of these graces belong also to us, his modern disciples. In these particular lines, we hear that Jesus protected and guarded his disciples while they accompanied him on his Father's mission. And, as he prepared to die, Jesus asked the Father to "keep them from the evil one." We need the Father's protection to resist temptation. He asked for it aloud, and Jesus encouraged us to ask for it regularly every time we say the Our Father. "God wants to set us free from evil" (CCC 2846).

3. Consecrate Them in the Truth(David) In this petition, Jesus asked the Father to consecrate his disciples in the truth. Since Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), the Lord was asking the Father to make us holy, to sanctify us, to bring us to union with him. "Is he not himself the living Word of God, to which every other word refers? Sanctify them in the truth—this means, then, in the deepest sense: make them one with me, Christ. Bind them to me. Draw them into me" (Benedict XVI, Pope Emeritus, April 9, 2009). Our Lord asked for this grace while the disciples were still alive. We can count on these graces as well, today—now—in this time of prayer. Come Holy Spirit

Conversation with Christ: (Robert)It's clear, Lord, that you desire our holiness. When we are holy, it pleases you, and it also impacts those closest to us. Despite the frequency with which we fall, we believe that you have given us all the grace we need to come to union with you, and our hearts are full of gratitude.