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Catholic board chooses name for its newest school

SASKATOON, June 24, 2010 – Holy Family Catholic School is the name of Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools' newest school, which will be built in Willowgrove. The name was chosen by the Board of Education at its June 21 meeting.

"Holy Family is a name that will resonate with the children and families who will come to this school. This was an important consideration for the Board as we made our decision," said Diane Boyko, Chair of the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Board of Education.

Trustees were also mindful that the school's name will play an important role in shaping the culture of the new community, including its religious celebrations. Holy Family is also the name of the new Catholic cathedral under construction on Nelson Road, near St. Joseph High School.

The Board of Education made the final selection of the name after asking for suggestions from staff, school communities, area parishes and Willowgrove residents.

Trustees also decided that the school will be dedicated to Monsignor Leonard Morand, whose 51 years of service as a priest included teaching at St. Paul's high school and Holy Cross High School. Along with posts at several parishes in the Saskatoon diocese, Morand was also the bishop's representative to Catholic school trustees. Msgr. Morand passed away in June 2007.

Construction of a new Catholic school for Willowgrove was announced on March 19 by Premier Brad Wall. It will be located near Wallace Park in the centre of the Willowgrove neighbourhood. Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, the City of Saskatoon and Saskatoon Public Schools are partners in the project. Holy Family's innovative design will include space for community activities. A daycare and a public school will also be built on the site.

In order to assist with planning and preparation for the new school a principal has been appointed. Connie Tenaski, currently principal of St. Michael Community School, will be principal of Holy Family Catholic School. She will continue with her duties at St. Michael until Holy Family moves closer to completion.

A public consultation was recently held with Willowgrove residents to discuss design of the new school. A concept plan is expected to be available this fall. Once approval of design and final drawings are completed, the project will be tendered and constructed. Tentative opening date is September 2013.

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