



# Holy Family Matters

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## CENTRAL OFFICE NEWS and UPDATE FEBRUARY 2011

The Board of Trustees of the Holy Family Catholic Regional Division would like to **WELCOME** our new member of the board for Ward 4 - Subdivision 3, Peace River/ Nampa, Mr. Kelly P. Whalen.

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### **“Called to Serve”**

Hello everyone my name is Kelly Whalen and I believe I’m called to serve. My wife Catherine, I and four of our six children recently moved to Peace River when I accepted the position as managing partner of the “GO Auto” dealerships in Peace River and Falher.

I come with a history of Catholic Education and helping to preserve the fundamental values and constitutional rights of Catholic Education that we are entitled to receive and give to our children. I served the past 2 terms with

“STAR” (St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School Division) as the Wetaskiwin ward trustee and vice chair of the board. When Catherine and I moved to Peace River, I had decided to leave the political arena, so to speak, and just settle in here in God’s country. However, after seeing how my four children have been accepted in their new school and how this division permeates Catholicity in our schools I felt I had to be a part of it. It’s easy to follow but Jesus calls us to be disciples of his word. So here I am!

I would like to thank the people who supported my nomination and I can promise the children and families the trust in our Holy Family Catholic School Board to make the right decisions that I will take the time and effort to keep Christ in every decision we make at the Board table.

**God Bless**

**Kelly P. Whalen**

**Call me anytime - 780-624-0916**

**BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, February 15 at 10:00am at Central Office Peace River. OPEN to public.**

# Board of Trustees by-election Notices

## NOTICE OF NOMINATION DAY

LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTION ACT (Section 26)

### BY-ELECTION WARD 4 – GRIMSHAW, ALBERTA

#### LOCAL JURISDICTION:

Holy Family Catholic Regional Division No. 37, Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is **February 14, 2011** and that nomination for the election of candidates for the following office will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below between the hours of **10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon** on Nomination Day.

OFFICE	NUMBER OF	WARD or ELECTORAL DIVISION
Trustee	1	Ward 4 Subdivision 2 – GRIMSHAW, ALBERTA

Location (address) of Local Jurisdiction Office:

10307- 99Street  
Peace River, AB T8S 1R5

DATED at the Town of Peace River in the Province of Alberta, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2011

Helen Diaz  
(Returning officer)

## NOTICE OF NOMINATION DAY

LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTION ACT (Section 26)

### BY-ELECTION WARD 4 – MANNING, ALBERTA

#### LOCAL JURISDICTION:

Holy Family Catholic Regional Division No. 37, Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is **March 14, 2011** and that nomination for the election of candidates for the following office will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below between the hours of **10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon** on Nomination Day.

OFFICE	NUMBER OF	WARD or ELECTORAL DIVISION
Trustee	1	Ward 4 Subdivision 1 – MANNING, ALBERTA

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## **FNMI UPDATE** **January 2011**

Updates have been posted for the upcoming Soaring with Knowledge Conference slated for March 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 in Edmonton at the Marriot River Cree Resort. Please visit the FNMI website at [www.fnmiec.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.fnmiec.teachers.ab.ca). Be sure to quote the FNIEC code to get the 139.00 discount rate when booking your room for the conference. MLA Pearl Calahasen will be the Featured Speaker.

The School Coordinators are having tryouts/practices for the upcoming Holy Family Catholic School Division's Cultural Hand Games Tournament slated for March 4<sup>th</sup> in Manning at the Rosary School. Each school will be sending two teams to the tournament.

### Elder's Meditation

"When we're through with this earth and all these problems, we don't have to have to comeback. But as long as we're here we have a job and a purpose fulfill, and that means dealing with the circumstances around us". — **Rolling Thunder, CHEROKEE**

We are put on the earth to participate in life. We have a beautiful mind, we have the ability to pray, we have the ability to accept, and we have choices. All things God created are constantly changing. This constant change causes our circumstances to change. Sometimes we say life is difficult. During these times we need to use tools: the tools of prayer, and the tools of Meditation. We are designed to change and live joyfully is to live according to the laws, principles, and values given to us by the creator.

Great Spirit, give me your courage today, and guide my footsteps.

*Vanessa Lennie*  
*FNMI Program Coordinator*  
*HFCRD No. 37*



**“SHINE!” Update**  
**January 2011**

The first main “SHINE!” event of the year, the **Gr. 8/9 Retreat**, took place January 28-30 at St. Andrew’s School in High Prairie. Approximately 100 junior high students were in attendance, as well as 23 senior high leaders and 20 adults who helped with event coordination.

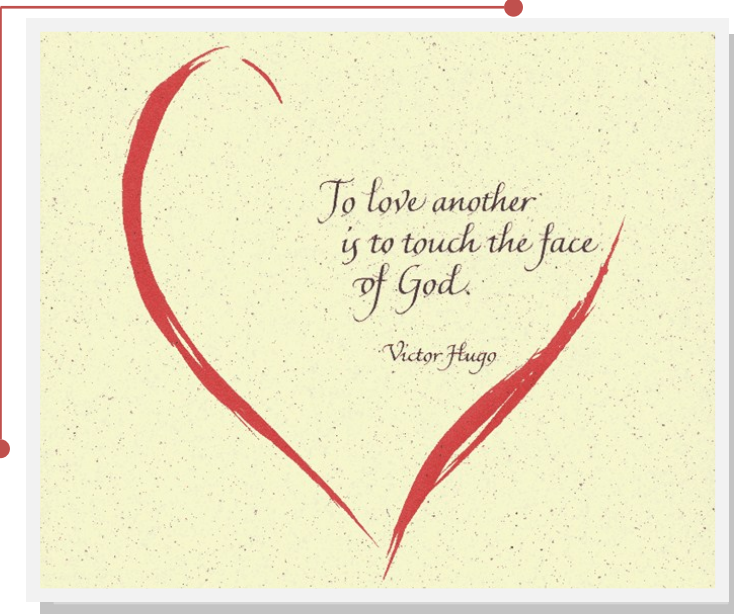
The senior high students led all of the activities during the weekend. They presented speeches, serious drama skits, poems, reflections and stories. The leaders also took charge of small groups during the weekend, and led games, discussions and activities in these groups. Students slept in dorms every night, and the senior high leaders facilitated prayers and meetings in these dorms several times per day.

Highlights of the weekend included rock concerts (praise and worship led by the senior high students), a talent show, the formal dinner and dance, late-night mass with Father Tony, the “SHINE!” version of truth or dare and of course, WARM FUZZIES (hugs)!

We would like to thank all of the weekend and night supervisors for their support of the program, as well as the staff of St. Andrew’s for offering their school to us! A special thank you also goes out to Elaine Rederberg for catering the entire event. Most importantly, we would like to thank the Adult Coordination Team for their hard work, commitment and the numerous hours they spent preparing for this event! All of these people made the weekend a success. J

Some of the Grade 8/9 students who attended this event will be chosen as junior leaders for the Grade 7 Retreat (date and location TBA). More information about this event will follow in next month’s newsletter! (*Pictures from the Gr. 8/9 “SHINE!” Retreat to follow in next month’s newsletter as well.*)

*Michelle Lacombe*  
**SHINE Retreat Coordinator**



Loving God, it is you who tenderly watches over your Creation. It is you who loved us from our earliest moments. It is you who taught us how to love. It is you who will eternally love us. Thank you for your everlasting love. Amen

**A prayer for Saint  
Valentine's Day**

*Most Gracious Heavenly Father, You gave Saint Valentine the courage to witness to the gospel of Christ, even to the point of giving his life for it. Help us to endure all suffering for love of you, and to seek you with all our hearts; for you alone are the source of life and love. Grant that we may have the courage and love to be strong witnesses of your truth to our friends and family and to the whole world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

