



# HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC

## District School Board

### The Order of St. André Bessette

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#### **BELIEF STATEMENT**

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board believes that it is important to honour significant contributions to Catholic education in this district. The Order of St. André Bessette (the Order) is the highest honour that the Board bestows upon a member of its community. The award recognizes an exceptional contribution to academia, spiritual life and/or philanthropic achievement. Members of the Order serve as role models for the community.

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

It is the policy of the Board that the Order of St. André Bessette (the Order) be established to recognize exceptional contributions to academia, spiritual life and/or philanthropic achievement. Nominations to be considered for the Order will be received by the Director of Education or the Chair of the Board and referred to the Catholic Education Team for consideration. The Catholic Education Team will recommend candidates to the Board for approval.

In evaluating the exceptional nature of the achievements for nominees – the Catholic Education Team and the Board shall consider:

- The Order of St. André Bessette (the Order) is the highest honour that the Board bestows upon a member of its community.
- The award recognizes an exceptional contribution to:
  - academia
  - spiritual life and/or
  - philanthropic achievement
- Members of the Order serve as role models for the community.
- Achievement of provincial, national or international nature
- Achievements and life work that is consistent with the spirit of our Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations

#### **PROCEDURE:**

1. Nominations for the Order will come from the HPCDSB community to the Director of Education or the Chair of the Board. Nominations for the Order close on December 31<sup>st</sup> for the current academic year and restart for consideration in the following academic year on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

2. Nominations will be evaluated for completeness and eligibility requirements.
3. The Director of Education shall present nominations, on behalf of the Board, that are complete and fulfill eligibility requirements to the Catholic Education Team for consideration on or before the February meeting of the Catholic Education Team.
4. The Catholic Education Team will endeavor to make a recommendation to the Board of at least one person to the Order on an annual basis.
5. Upon receipt of the recommendation from the Catholic Education Team, the Board will deliberate and endeavor to approve the appointment(s) to the Order at the March regular meeting of the Board.
6. The ceremony to induct the person(s) to the Order will take place during Catholic Education Week (first week of May).

**DEFINITIONS:**

- N/A

**REFERENCES:**

- N/A

**RESOURCES, APPENDICES AND FORMS:**

- N/A