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MEDIA RELEASE

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Niagara Catholic Announces 2022-2023 Student Trustees

Niagara Catholic's student leaders have elected the incoming co-chair of the Board's Student Senate, who will serve as one of the Board's two student trustees for 2022-2023.

Charlotte Johnstone (Grade. 10, Saint Paul Catholic High School) will replace graduating student Sydney Yott, whose two-year term ends at the end of June. Charlotte will join Steffen Zylstra as a student trustee for the coming school year.

This year's elections took place during the annual Student Leadership Symposium on April 28. Students were energized by the opportunity to come together in person for the event at Club Roma and led to many interesting and insightful discussions among participants. The election was the culmination of an extremely inspirational day filled with powerful messages highlighting the importance of faith and servant-leadership.

Niagara Catholic's Elementary Student Senate Co-Chairs were also elected during the Student Leadership Symposium. Christiana Butera from Mary Ward Catholic Elementary School and Juliette Sullivan from Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School will represent elementary student voice at the Student Senate for 2022-2023.

Chair of the Board, Larry Huibers, thanked Sydney for her time as a student trustee and welcomed Charlotte to the board table.

"Every year, I am struck by the intelligence, empathy, and dedication shown by our Niagara Catholic student trustees. Over her two years as a student trustee, Sydney has proven to be a very confident and capable young woman, who has represented Niagara Catholic well in all that she has done both locally, and provincially. On behalf of the entire Board of Trustees, I congratulate Sydney on her upcoming graduation, thank her for her commitment to Niagara Catholic and wish her well as she embarks on a new journey in university.

"I am also very impressed with the way Steffen has grown into his role, and I am confident that he will offer Charlotte excellent wisdom and counsel as she settles into their new role. We look forward to working with Charlotte in the coming school year."

Director of Education Camillo Cipriano also thanked Sydney for her time as a student trustee, and congratulated Charlotte, Christiana, and Juliette on their election.

Congratulations to Charlotte for being selected by your peers as one of Niagara Catholic's 2022-2023 student trustees. This is a tremendous honour and

responsibility, and we know that you will rise to excel in this opportunity. I and all members of senior staff look forward to working with you and watching you as you grow and evolve in your new leadership role.

I also look forward to working with our new elementary student senate co-chairs Christiana and Juliette. I believe that student voice is extremely important for our students of all ages, and I am excited to see and hear what you bring forward from our elementary students.

Finally, I would like to thank Sydney Yott for her two terms as a student trustee. Although much of our time working together was virtual, I came away from every interaction with her impressed with her diligence and professionalism, and I know that she has a bright future ahead. Congratulations on your upcoming graduation, Sydney, and I and all of senior staff wish you well in the future.”