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### Celebrating Our New School Names

At tonight's regular public Board meeting, the names for Edmonton Catholic's four new schools were unveiled.

Three of the schools, announced by the provincial government last year, are scheduled to open in September of 2010. The fourth, a High School in Terwillegar was announced by the provincial government earlier this year and is scheduled to open in 2011 or 2012:

- **Sister Annata Brockman Catholic Elementary/Junior High**
  - Location: The Hamptons in West Edmonton
  - Approximate address: Hemingway Road and Hardy Point
  - Capacity: 500 students
  - Highlights of Sister Annata Brockman's life: Teacher and Administrator in the District for 21 years; she was the last religious principal in the District; Sister Annata continues to work today with the sick and terminally ill.
- **Monsignor William Irwin Catholic Elementary**
  - Location: Terwillegar Towne in Southwest Edmonton
  - Approximate address: East of Taylor Green and Tompkins Way
  - Capacity: 500 students
  - Highlights of Monsignor William Irwin's life: Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Social Services in 1961; touched the lives of every Catholic in the Edmonton area; appointed by the Governor General of Canada as an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1995; died at the age of 76 in 2004.
- **Monsignor Fee Otterson Catholic Elementary/Junior High**
  - Location: Rutherford in Southwest Edmonton
  - Approximate address: 114 Street and 14 Avenue
  - Capacity: 500 students
  - Highlights of Monsignor Fee Otterson's life: Graduate of Edmonton Catholic Schools; teacher/administrator with the District for over 30 years; continues after 45 years to celebrate the graduation mass at Austin O'Brien High School.
- **Mother Margaret Mary Catholic High School**
  - Location: Terwillegar in Southwest Edmonton
  - Approximate address: Terwillegar Drive and Leger Road
  - Capacity: 750 students
  - Highlights of Mother Margaret Mary's life: Born Laura Hickey in 1890, Mother Margaret Mary became a member of the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) congregation in 1910. The FCJ sisters were the first community of religious women who taught in Edmonton Catholic Schools, beginning in 1888; Mother Margaret Mary taught in the District for 50 years.

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The New Schools Naming Committee received over 130 submissions from the Catholic community for a total of 78 suggested names for the new schools. The committee consisted of: Board Chairperson Cindy Olsen and the entire Board of Trustees, Superintendent Joan Carr and the Director of Religious Education Services, Heather Jamieson.

"I'd like to offer a sincere thank you to everyone who submitted names for the schools," said Board Chairperson Cindy Olsen. "We had such wonderful names submitted and it was a difficult decision for the committee to make but we are thrilled with the names chosen for our new schools." Olsen went on to say.