



Trustee Passes Away

It is with great sadness that the Edmonton Catholic School District announces the death of a long-serving staff member and Trustee. Jim Urlacher, Ward 2 Trustee, passed away Saturday after a brief battle with pneumonia.

“Jim was one of the wisest and most sincere men I have ever known, and he will be deeply missed,” said Debbie Engel, Board Chairperson. “One of his strengths was the support he showed both his colleagues, and the Edmonton Catholic School District during his time as a Trustee, Engel went on to say.

Jim Urlacher worked as a teacher, Assistant Principal and Principal with Edmonton Catholic Schools for over 35 years. He began his career with the District in 1958 as a teacher at Sacred Heart. He became Assistant Principal at Sacred Heart in 1961, moved to St. James in 1963 and became Principal of St. Vladimir in 1965, St. Martin in 1971, St. Maria Goretti in 1982 and St. Timothy in 1987. Jim retired in 1993.

Following Jim’s retirement he ran and was elected as one of two Ward 2 Trustees in 1995 and served the three year term until 1998. During that time, he was Chairperson for the 1996-97 year.

Trustee Urlacher returned to office in 2004 and was re-elected again in 2007. He was currently serving on numerous Board committees, including the Alberta Teachers’ Association negotiating committee.

“Jim Urlacher dedicated more than 44 years of service as both a staff member and Trustee,” said Superintendent Joan Carr. “Jim’s knowledge and understanding of both staff and District issues will be a great loss for Edmonton Catholic Schools,” added Superintendent Carr.

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Jim Urlacher will be laid to rest this Friday, May 22nd with a funeral service at 11 a.m. at St. Edmund’s Parish, 13120 – 116 Street.