

St. Isaac Jogues Church

1148 Finch Avenue
PICKERING, ON L1V 1J6

Dear Parishioner and Teacher Candidate,

I am in receipt of your request for a Pastoral Reference with regard to your application for a teaching position with the Catholic school board. If you are willing to complete the attached Pastoral Reference form, please do so, and upon completion, return it to the office along with addressed stamped envelopes for the school boards to which you are applying. If the priest who is providing you with a pastoral reference needs clarification he will phone you before adding his comments.

The purpose of a Pastoral Reference is to communicate whether you are strongly committed to your Catholic faith and will be an able witness to that faith first, in the community and secondly in the classroom. We wish to discover how you understand yourself as a Catholic and how you identify with your faith.

Please note: This form will be submitted with the pastoral letter.

Be assured that my statement to the board will be one of the following:

- a) I support this teacher candidate's application for a teaching position with your board, without reservation.
- b) I can support this teacher candidate's application for a teaching position with your board.
- c) I regret that I cannot support this teacher candidate's application for a teaching position with your board, at this time.

Sincerely, in Christ,



Fr Paul J. Dobson
Pastor

St. Isaac Jogues Church Pastoral Reference

Please provide the following:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email address _____

Name of Roman Catholic Board(s) to which you are applying:

Please answer the following questions:

1. a) Are you a member of this parish? Yes No
- b) Are you registered in this parish? Yes No
- c) How long have you resided in the parish? _____

2. Where were you baptized?

a) Name of church _____

b) Address of church _____

c) Denomination _____

3. Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Yes No

If yes, please complete the following:

a) Name of church _____

b) Address of church _____

c) Denomination _____

4. Marital status:

- single married separated
 divorced widowed common law

If married in the Roman Catholic Church, where were you married?

- a) Name of church _____
 b) Address of church _____
 c) Date _____

or If you were married elsewhere (non-Catholic church, city hall or Justice of the Peace)

- a) Name of church _____
 b) Address of church _____
 c) Denomination (if applicable) _____

If married outside the Roman Catholic Church; has your marriage been validated with the Roman Catholic Church? Yes No

5. How would you describe your attendance at Holy Mass on Sunday?

- Weekly monthly occasionally

Please describe your attendance at Sunday Mass below. List the parishes or church communities you have belonged to since January 2010 and describe your attendance. If you are away from the parish for extended periods of time because of being at the cottage or other reasons include the name of the parish you attend while away.

Date	Parish	Attendance: Weekly, Monthly/Sporadically/ Not at all
January 2010		

If your attendance over the last 5 years has been other than weekly please explain why.

6. Are you involved in any parish ministry? If so, please identify below.

7. Are there any areas of the faith with which you struggle? Please be frank.

8. The hallmark of Catholic education is the commitment of the schools to the faith community. Discuss your commitment to prayer experience and how you will integrate that within the school in which you will work.

9. As a Catholic educator how do you understand your responsibility to the Catholic community beyond the walls of the school?

Signature _____

Date _____