



SIMCOE MUSKOKA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
Wednesday, February 3, 2021**

**OPENING PRAYER**

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Yesterday, February 2, was the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, marking the day when the infant Jesus was brought to the Temple by Mary and Joseph, and was recognized by Simeon and Anna. In Luke's account, Jesus is spoken of as "a light to reveal [God] to the nations, and the glory of [God's] people, Israel". For this reason, it is a feast linked to light—and the day when churches traditionally bless the candles that they and their parishioners will use throughout the coming year.

Let us pray.

God of glory,  
in these dark winter days, we praise you for your gift of Jesus,  
who comes to bring light to all those dwelling in darkness and shadow.  
Kindle in our hearts the light of renewed hope  
as we strive to live out our faith in these difficult times.  
Brighten this season with your love and strength,  
and help us to be a source of light and hope for others.  
Guide our deliberations tonight with your wisdom,  
and help us to be faithful to our vocation,  
as Christians and as trustees.  
Praise to you, now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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