

the inquest

Jury's recommendations now go to chief corner

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drinking and driving. This group would include representation from church groups, local youth, parents, service clubs, vendors of alcoholic beverages, etc.

"We hope that the youth of the community will see this group as their opportunity to become involved and make a positive contribution to eliminating the possibility of any future similar tragedy," was the statement contained in the recommendation.

The two remaining suggestions included: the "60 km/h Begins" sign be moved 75 metres from the west side of the railway track, and that the "60 km/h Ahead" sign be moved 30 metres west of that sign, and that a solid double line be continued from the west side of the railway track on Derry Rd. to the intersection with Tremaine Rd.

The recommendations were made by the jury following more than four hours of deliberation at the conclusion of the day-and-a-half inquest which included submissions from Crown Attorney James Treleaven, Halton Coroner Dr. Keith Phillips and lawyers representing CN and the families of the victims.

"We are talking about kids who should be here... I think you should be concerning yourselves with the future of kids in this community," said Len Walker, acting on behalf of sole survivor, 13-year-old Kelly Simon.

He encouraged jury members not to be afraid of recommending controls such as a graduated licence for new drivers.

"People can be told and it would be simple to institute some controls. You should remember that kids will be

driving around town, and planning for a weekend. We owe it to these kids..." he said.

Toronto lawyer Rocco Lofranco, representing the Gazzola, Zardo, Burns and Snow families, noted that parents "want something tangible".

"Chris Redden tried to beat the train... if the railway gates had been up, he would have stopped and it could have prevented him from crossing through."

His views were echoed by Douglas Quirt, representing the Redden family, who called for ways of making the crossing safer including the installation of strobe lights on engines to make them more visible.

CN solicitor Kenneth Peel disagreed, however, with the merit of barriers and emphasized a need for additional education on the subject of drinking and driving.

"The gates wouldn't have

made any difference with this accident... the gates are there to restrain traffic, not to prevent drivers from going through," he said.

In his address Dr. Phillips said the victims "were not really bad teenagers, but they were not totally aware of the power of alcohol."

He also noted that "control starts at home, but the community also has some responsibilities."

Several parents expressed relief with the jury's suggestions.

"I feel good about them... I think they covered everything," said Tim Burns, who lost his daughter Kimberley. "I want the barriers to help the other kids intown."

The recommendations will now be forwarded to the Chief Coroner's office and then to the appropriate authorities for consideration.



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ONTARIO GOVERNMENT VIOLATES THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS!
"PARENTS HAVE THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO DIRECT THEIR CHILDREN AND THEIR EDUCATIONAL TAXES TO THE SCHOOL OF THEIR CHOICE."

A FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR JUSTICE TO: JOHN PAUL II, "THE HOLY FATHER" OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FROM: "AN ONTARIO FATHER OF FIVE"

RE: THE PROPOSED EXTENSION, BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO, OF THE LEGITIMATE EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS OF ROMAN CATHOLICS, WHILE DENYING ALL THE SAME LEGITIMATE RIGHTS TO ALL NON-CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN, JEWISH, AND OTHER RELIGIOUS PARENTS AND CITIZENS OF ONTARIO.

First, on behalf of "Ontario's Moderate Majority" who are grateful to God for the civilizing, liberating and ennobling values of our Judeo-Christian Heritage which have enriched our culture in every way in this blessed nation under God, we welcome your forthcoming visit to Ontario.

At a time of unprecedented attacks upon the foundations of faith, family and freedom, we applaud the courageous leadership you are providing to the reaffirmation of the dynamic disciplines of Christ which liberate persons and nations from the slavery of self-indulgence and the anarchy of permissiveness.

We are especially heartened by the recent publication of the "CHARTER OF RIGHTS OF THE FAMILY", addressed by the Roman Catholic Church to "All Governments and Peoples of the World" and signed by The Holy See on October 23, 1983. That Charter which sets forth the "Fundamental principles for all legislative and family policy," pinpoints the existence in Ontario of a gross violation of the most elemental of human rights.

SPECIFICALLY THE CHARTER STATES (ARTICLE 5):
 "Since they have conferred life on their children, PARENTS have the original, primary, and inalienable right to educate them. Hence they must be acknowledged as the first and foremost educators of their children."

A) PARENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN IN CONFORMITY WITH THEIR MORAL AND RELIGIOUS CONVICTIONS, taking into account the cultural traditions of the family which favour the good and the dignity of the child; THEY (the parents) SHOULD ALSO RECEIVE FROM SOCIETY THE NECESSARY AID AND ASSISTANCE TO PERFORM THEIR EDUCATIONAL ROLE PROPERLY.
D) THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS ARE VIOLATED WHEN A COMPULSORY SYSTEM OF EDUCATION IS IMPOSED BY THE STATE FROM WHICH ALL RELIGIOUS FORMATION IS EXCLUDED."

These fundamental human rights are also affirmed in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Article 26), which states:

"PARENTS HAVE A PRIOR RIGHT TO CHOOSE THE EDUCATION WHICH SHALL BE GIVEN TO THEIR CHILDREN."

The Government of Ontario persists in imposing educational policies which are a gross violation of these principles and which amount to a policy of religious discrimination and persecution.

What began as a Protestant Public and Roman Catholic Separate school system. No longer offers a publicly funded religious option to Non-Catholic, Christian, Jewish and other Religious parents.

It is embarrassing to all fair minded citizens that the Ontario Government thus practises such rank religious discrimination against the above-noted minority groups while currying the favour of the largest religious voting block of Ontarians. Roman Catholics are understandably embarrassed to be the only religion which receives public funding for its schools. Clearly Roman Catholics ought to have the right to direct their children and their educational taxes to the Roman Catholic separate schools through Grade 13. But it is surely a most blatant injustice for the Ontario Government to grant a special status to Roman Catholics, treating them as though they were the only religious alternative to the State religion of secularism imposed on everyone else by the public school system.

It is embarrassing to Roman Catholics that while their leadership in Ontario Government for the extension of public funding for their separate school system. NO EFFORT IS MADE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST by Roman Catholic leadership to urge the Government to end the discrimination against non-Catholic, Christian, Jewish and other religious parents whose human rights are denied. It is sad that their children and their educational taxes to schools which will serve the parents in transmitting their values to their children.

It is embarrassing to Roman Catholics that their leadership in Ontario thus demonstrates an exclusive dedication to their own corporate self-interests while ignoring the desperate economic and social plight of those suffering from the above noted injustices.

Sincerely, I would agree that it would be a denial of Christ and all He represents in justice and goodness, for the Roman Catholic Church to accept another CENT of the funding Roman Catholics deserve for their educational system — Roman Catholics to enjoy the same funding rights as the supporters of the secular public school system receive. WITHOUT INSISTING that the same economic justice be provided by the government for all non-Roman Catholic, Christian, Jewish and other religious parents.

It is sad you would be embarrassed to know that while the preparations for your visit to Ontario have been accompanied by front page newspaper reports of pleas to the Ontario government to increase public funding to Roman Catholic schools, NO ROMAN CATHOLIC VOICE HAS BEEN HEARD IN BEHALF OF NON-CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS PARENTS WHO ARE DENIED ANY OF THE EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS ENJOYED EXCLUSIVELY BY ROMAN CATHOLICS. As a non-Roman Catholic follower of Christ for 15 years, and a father of five, and a practicing member of a faith which has suffered these gross violations of my religious, parental and citizenship rights, hereby through the auspices of the Ontario, education powers, I speak for hundreds of thousands of Ontario parents and taxpayers in this Father's Day appeal for the intervention of your good offices to urge the Ontario Government to quickly legislate an end to these tyrannical injustices.

When other parents will have been forced to pay a crushing financial and social price to educate our children as alternatives to the secular public school system.

Without religious bigotry or social snobbery or economic affiliation.

Out of a determination to fulfill our fundamental parental responsibilities. Our greatest enemy in fulfilling our parental role to direct the education of our children, has become the Ontario Government's educational agencies and policies.

We appeal to you, to urge the Government of Ontario to quickly enact legislation compatible with the principles enunciated in the Roman Catholic "Charter of Rights of the Family", Article 5, (A) and (D) — which would provide ALL parents with the fundamental right and freedom to exercise their parental responsibility to choose without economic or social penalty the education philosophically or religiously which they prefer for their children.

Thank you for your efforts in response to our appeal.

Sincerely,
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Father's Day Petition to the Government of Ontario
 I Herewith petition the Government of Ontario to enact Legislation in keeping with the principles of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, (Article 26), and the Roman Catholic "Charter of Rights for the Family", (Article 5, (A) and (D)), providing the citizens of Ontario with the freedom to exercise those fundamental human rights, now denied most, to direct their children and their educational taxes to the school of their philosophic or religious preference.

Name _____
 Address _____
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This petition will be forwarded to the Vatican, the Ontario Minister of Education, the Ontario Members of Parliament, to the head offices of the major religious bodies of Ontario, and to the media.

Enclosed is my contribution to Renaissance International (Ontario) to help defray the costs of the publication of this message: \$5 \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$ _____

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