

## Endorsements for Alban Mendonca

### 1. Eardley Adams:

To whom it may concern, Alban Mendonca has been a long-standing member of the Knights of Columbus and a valued member of St Patrick's Parish Council 7689 and a staunch Catholic. He was a member of the St Patrick's Parish congregation for many years. He served in various capacities as a Knight and has participated in numerous activities, he has done so in a selfless, caring way and was relied upon to work independently or in a team environment unsupervised and trusted to complete the job as assigned.

I believe that Alban is perfectly suited to the position, he speaks his mind, is assertive and a good listener, is self-disciplined, speaks fluently, expresses himself clearly and conducts himself with complete honesty and integrity in his capacity, as a Trustee.

It is therefore my distinct pleasure to nominate Alban Mendonca for the position of Durham Region Catholic District School Board - Trustee and I feel confident when elected to that position, his community would have a strong individual to advocate for the School Board and the community's best interest.

**Eardley Adams,  
Knights of Columbus, Current and  
Past Grand Knight,  
District Deputy and Director -  
Archdiocesan Association of Toronto.**

### 2. Dr. Raymond Cho

I have known Alban & his family since 1997. The family is hard-working and honest. They have the highest value for the Catholic Religion values, Family Values and Educational Values. He will be the right candidate to take care of the present-day requirements to turn the youth into fine citizens of the country. I wish him all the best.

**Dr. Raymond Cho, MPP – Scarborough, North.**

### 3. Dan DiRocco.

For starters, Alban, you can quote me as follows:

*Alban Mendonca is a no-nonsense, non-apologetic Catholic who cares for the well-being of Catholic children. He believes that the transmission of the faith is the most important task of Catholic schools and this must be done with love and respect for the magisterium of the church and with fidelity to church moral teachings. The regular academic curriculum will be an expression of excellence when pursued within this framework.*

**Dan DiRocco  
Former Principle of St. Andre Catholic  
High School, Markham.**

Remember the famous saying "Each one for himself and God for all".

# Vote for Alban Mendonca

## For Durham Region Catholic School Board Trustee



Advance Voting:  
October 17 to October 23, 2022

Polling day:  
October 24, 2022 – 8 am to 8 pm.

### **Previous Political Experience:**

Been a Vice President – Organizing for Federal Liberal Party in Scarborough East riding. Also volunteered alongside Raymond Cho, Toronto Councillor (Current MPP – Scarborough North)) during his campaign period.

### **Why did you decide to Run:**

My wife and I are strong practising Catholics associated at St. Bernadette's Parish Ajax. My 2 sons and their wives are practising Catholics as well. My 4 grandchildren are or soon will be attending Catholic Schools in the Durham Region. I have strong faith-based family values that have carried over to my children. Given my grandchildren are a part of the Durham Catholic Board system I have a vested interest in representing parents, grandparents and all participants in the education system.

### **How will you embrace Diversity in this role?**

I was born and raised in Mumbai, India. It is the largest and longest-living democracy in the world. We had 11 religions and 17 languages with their script and over 3000 dialects. We all lived like brothers and sisters and one big family.

Remember the famous saying "Each one for himself and God for all". At the same time, one should not force their ideology, philosophy and thinking onto another person. Respect the other person and Respect has to be earned and not demanded. Having said that I embrace diversity and respect all human beings and their values and choices. I am a visible minority and have firsthand experienced the effects of individuals who do not accept diversity.

### **How Active are you in Catholic Church:**

**I have been associated with the Knights of Columbus for over 14 years. (ie 4 years at St. Thomas More, Scarborough, 10 years with St. Patricks in Markham and 3 years with St. Isaac Jogues in Pickering). My wife Odette and myself were involved as facilitators in the Marriage Preparation course in St. Barnabas, Scarborough. I have been involved in the Hospitality Ministry in St. Barnabas, Scarborough; St. Thomas More, Scarborough and St. Patricks' in Markham.**

**To quote Pope Francis "Pope Francis has been billed as the most progressive Pope in history. He has made pronouncements in favour of respecting people who are LGBTQ, stating in 2013, "If someone is gay and he searches for the Lord and has good will, who am I to judge?"**

### **What are the top 3 issues I shall focus on:**

**1.** A trustee's role is to maintain a focus on student achievement, well-being and equity and to participate in making decisions that benefit the board's entire jurisdiction while representing the interests of its constituents. Trustees must also communicate the views and decisions of the board back to their constituents.

This is not as simple as it sounds. Because Ontario is large and diverse, the job of the school board trustee varies widely.

**2.** A trustee is responsible for identifying the needs and priorities of their community and for ensuring these are considered in the decisions that result in practical educational opportunities for students. In doing so,

**3.** The trustees must consider conflicting

interests and values. A trustee must do this in collaboration with the other members of the school board by developing policies that work for all students, and ensuring they are implemented effectively. It is the local trustee who makes sure that the community has a direct way to express it. Try and mitigate the "bullying" in the school.

### **If Elected what will you plan to achieve in the first 100 days?**

- If possible go and meet all the Principals of Catholic Schools in the City of Ajax.
- Find out what are the gaps/obstacles the teaching community is facing.
- And then take these points back to other Trustees and discuss and get back to the school
- Prioritize the needs of the parents and work towards addressing them.
- Meet with parents in each one of the wards (with the help of local parishes) to understand the legacy challenges faced by parents and what they expect from the Trustee
- I will also promptly return all calls I receive which has been an issue for parents with my predecessors

### **Basic Principles in My life:**

- Religious Values
- Family Values
- Educational Values

***Please do not forget to VOTE for  
Alban Mendonca  
On October 24, 2022***

I promise  
And also Deliver.

Alban Mendonca