

Natalia (Nathalie) Benoit

Trustee for St. Catharines and Niagara-on-the-Lake

Professional Profile

- **Current Role:** Elected as a Trustee in October 2022.
- **Background in Education:** She is an **Occasional Teacher** for the Halton Catholic School Board.
- **Education:** She is a graduate of St. Denis and St. Francis (NCDSB schools) and is currently pursuing a **Master of Theological Studies** at St. Augustine's Seminary.
- **Community Involvement:** Previously served as a **Youth Minister** at St. Mary of the Assumption in St. Catharines and St. Ann in Fenwick.

Personal Profile & Advocacy

- **Values:** Benoit emphasizes a vision where schools aid parents and parishes in raising "well-rounded and critical thinking individuals." Her platform is rooted in traditional Catholic teachings.
- **Notable Controversies:** * In January 2024, she was [censured and barred from board meetings](#) until June 30, 2024, following an investigation into comments where she was [recorded comparing the Pride flag to the Nazi flag](#).
 - Since returning to her duties, she has continued to [advocate for a ban on the Pride flag](#) in NCDSB schools, citing adherence to Catholic doctrine.