

# **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

## **From the Inaugural Meeting Held December 1, 2009**

### **Chairperson and Vice-Chair Named**

Trustee from Cornwall Glengarry, Mr. Ronald Eamer, has been acclaimed as Board Chairperson for a ninth straight term. "I am truly honoured and blessed to have the support of my fellow Trustees," said Mr. Eamer in accepting the position.

"Our Trustees all share a passion for Catholic education and our Board makes every effort to share that passion with the Ministry and our other partners in education. It is an honour to represent this Board, and my colleagues, for another term," said Mr. Eamer.

Mr. Eamer is entering his 29th year as a Catholic School Trustee.

Trustee for Lanark County, Mrs. Nancy Kirby, will serve as CDSBEO Vice-Chair for another year after being acclaimed to the position.

In addition to her role with the CDSBEO, Mrs. Kirby continues to serve as Vice-President of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association.

"Like Mr. Eamer, I am honoured to have the support of my fellow Trustees. I am fortunate to be able to share our Board's successes with Trustees from across the province."

Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland, stated, "Our Trustees are key in providing the very best Catholic education for our students. I look forward to continuing to work with Mr. Eamer, Mrs. Kirby and all Trustees in the year to come."

### **Board Welcomes His Grace, Archbishop Terrence Prendergast**

The Board's inaugural meeting began by the celebration of Mass by The Most Rev. Terrence Prendergast, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Ottawa.

During Mass, his Grace offered his thanks to Trustees and Senior Administration for the work they do to preserve and protect Catholic education.

Members of the St. Joseph CSS (Cornwall) Choir, under the direction of teacher Gilles Levac, assisted with music throughout the Mass.

The Archbishop also blessed all CDSBEO Trustees – Ronald Eamer, City of Cornwall and Glengarry County; Nancy Kirby, Lanark County; Todd Lalonde, City of Cornwall and Glengarry County; Brent Laton, Grenville County; Robin Reil, Leeds County; Karen McAllister, Dundas and Stormont Counties; Sue Wilson, Prescott and Russell Counties; and Chris Walasek, Catholic Student Trustee.

### **Celebrating Progress: Director of Education Presents Annual Report**

Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland, presented to Trustees the Director's Annual Report for 2009, outlining the good things that have happened in Catholic education in eastern Ontario over the past year.

"This year's report celebrates our successes in student achievement, faith development and the effective use of our financial resources," said Mr. Gartland.

Mr. Gartland told Trustees that many individuals contribute to the daily success of the Board. "Our staff ensures our Board provides quality Catholic education to the students and parents we serve."

Mr. Gartland praised the volunteer efforts that contribute to the Board's success as well. "Our parish priests, parents, Catholic School Councils, the Special Education Advisory Committee, the Parent Involvement Committee, the Catholic Education Coalition and the Good Samaritan Trust Fund Committee, all continue to contribute to the success of our Board. Each makes a difference in the lives of children in our schools."

Sincere gratitude was also expressed to the Board's local Bishops - Bishop Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop Brendan O'Brien, and Archbishop Terrence Prendergast. "The guidance and leadership they provide is appreciated so much by our entire school system."

This year also marked the first year that a video form of the report has been prepared and presented. Both the video and written versions of the report are available to be viewed on the Board's website ([www.cdsbeo.on.ca](http://www.cdsbeo.on.ca)).

In closing, Mr. Gartland thanked the Ministry of Education and the many partners needed to make the Board successful. "Our walk continues, and I thank all those who continue to be a part of our vision and mission."

We walk in



good company!

**Dec. 21, 2009 - Jan. 1, 2010** - Christmas Break (offices closed)

**Jan. 27, 2010 - Feb. 2** - Secondary Exams

**Feb. 3, 2010** - P.A. Day

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**Next Board Meeting**  
December 15, 2009  
Kemptville Board  
Office  
7:00 p.m.