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Board-Wide Mass to Mark Beginning of Catholic Education Week

Kemptville, ON - The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario (CDSBEO) will celebrate the beginning of Catholic Education Week (CEW) on Monday, April 28, 2008 with the sixth annual CEW Board-wide Mass at Holy Cross Parish in Kemptville. The celebration, beginning at 11:00 a.m., will be presided over by the Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, Archbishop of the Ottawa Archdiocese.

Each year, representatives from all CDSBEO schools gather for the Mass. Principals, teachers, students, parents, support staff, parish priests, senior administration, and trustees will be in attendance.

Catholic Education Week takes place from Sunday, April 27 until Friday, May 2. This year's theme is *We are Called*, inspired by Micah 6.8 "We are called to act with justice, to love tenderly, to walk humbly, with our God."

The week's theme is a perfect complement to the Board Theme *Called to serve... as disciples of Christ!* The Catholic communities will demonstrate how their personal callings are affecting their neighbourhoods. The week will see CDSBEO schools celebrating the distinct contributions that Catholic schools make to those around them.

CDSBEO Principal of Religious and Family Life Education, Tom Jordan, stated, "Catholic Education Week is not only a celebration of all that we do, it is also an opportunity for us to thank the members of our wider Catholic community and partner agencies for their ongoing support."

Among the many events planned are Eucharistic celebrations in local parishes and schools, living Rosaries, and fundraisers to help fight diseases such as Cancer. Social Justice issues will also be explored in several communities as our schools put forth a call to action. Choir and artistic showcases will take place in several school communities.

A complete list of events can be found at www.cdsbeo.on.ca.

For more information, please contact your local Catholic school, or CDSBEO Communications Officer Bob Perreault at 613-258-7757 or 1-800-443-4562 ext. 206 or 613-859-0678 (mobile).

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario operates 40 elementary and 10 secondary schools across 8 counties. The CDSBEO offers excellence in Catholic education through provincial-leading programs to approximately 15,000 students.