

# **NEWS RELEASE FROM THE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO**

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## **Catholic Education Week to Begin with Board-Wide Mass**

**Kemptville, ON** - The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario will celebrate the beginning of Catholic Education Week on Monday, April 30, 2007 with a Board-wide Mass at Holy Cross Parish in Kemptville at 11:00 a.m.

The celebration will be presided over by Father Brian Price, Administrator of the Archdiocese of Kingston. The mass will bring together representatives from all CDSBEO schools from our eight counties. Principals, teachers, students, parents, support staff, parish priests, senior administration, and trustees will attend.

This will be the fifth consecutive year that CDSBEO will mark the beginning of Catholic Education Week (April 29 – May 4) with a Board-wide celebration of Mass.

The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is *Created in the Image of God*, inspired by the book of *Genesis*, 1:27, 31: "God created humankind in His image, in the image of God He created them; male and female, He created them. God saw everything that He had made, and indeed, it was very good."

Each person is created equally in God's image and is entitled to respect and dignity regardless of race, creed, social status or financial situation. This year's theme asks us to reflect on this truth and think of the consequences it has on ourselves, each other, and the world we live in.

*Created in the Image of God* is a natural compliment to the CDSBEO's theme *We are People of God... Transforming the World*, as our students continue to embrace the idea of helping people in the world regardless of who they are. Our communities will celebrate Catholic Education Week by demonstrating how Catholic education is transforming the world through the actions of our students.

Our schools will mark the week by celebrating the distinctive contributions that Catholic schools make to our communities and our society. Among the many events planned are Eucharistic celebrations in local parishes, poverty walks and living Rosaries. Cultural Diversity around the world will be showcased through such events as global community open houses. Some Lanark county schools will come together for a special prayer service for Canadian soldiers serving abroad. There will also be choir and artistic showcases in several school communities.

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 via email at [bob.perreault@cdsbeo.on.ca](mailto:bob.perreault@cdsbeo.on.ca).

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.