

NEWS RELEASE FROM THE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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Over 1100 CDSBEO Staff Gather at Upper Canada Village for Inspirational Day

Morrisburg, ON – More than 1100 Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario Teachers, Educational Assistants and Student Support Workers gathered at Upper Canada Village on Friday, September 28, 2007 for a day of activities that focused on adult faith development.

The group assembled in a large tent on the fairgrounds within the village, on the banks of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

The Board was honoured to begin the day with Mass celebrated by the recently installed Archbishop of the Kingston Archdiocese, Most Reverend Brendan O'Brien.

CDSBEO Director of Education Bill Gartland and Bishop Douglas Crosby, of the Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador, provided keynote addresses.

In his address, Director Gartland reminded the group that we all have gifts and that it is very important that we use our talents to serve others. Mr. Gartland stressed the importance of leadership at all levels within the Board to stay true to our mission. "If we strive to achieve this goal, we will build an organization that will continue to be up for the challenge of better serving our students and their families."

Bishop Crosby challenged the group to examine the power of true love. "To do this, our first task is to look at who we are and what we are doing, with the goal being, to be the best that we can be. When we use our time and energy to serve others, we are demonstrating true love."

Bishop Crosby also reminded the group that acts of true love do not always have to be large undertakings - often simple gestures are the most effective.

Board Chair Ron Eamer called the day an incredible success. "It is an amazing sight to see all of our Teachers, Educational Assistants, and Student Support Workers gathered in this tent like this. Their presence is just another example of how much they enjoy being Catholic

educators, enjoy serving our students and families, and enjoy celebrating and sharing our Catholic faith and Gospel values with others. I am truly awestruck and incredibly proud of everyone in attendance today.”

For more information or interview opportunities please contact CDSBEO Communications Officer Bob Perreault at 613-258-7757 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.

Attached Photos:

Bill Gartland Address.jpg – CDSBEO Director of Education Bill Gartland addresses more than 1100 Teachers, Educational Assistants, and Student Support Workers at the Professional Activity day held September 28, 2007 at Upper Canada Village.

Bishop Crosby Address.jpg - Bishop Douglas Crosby, of the Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador addresses more than 1100 Teachers, Educational Assistants, and Student Support Workers at the Professional Activity day held September 28, 2007 at Upper Canada Village.

Bishop Crosby Address 2.jpg - Bishop Douglas Crosby, of the Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador addresses more than 1100 Teachers, Educational Assistants, and Student Support Workers at the Professional Activity day held September 28, 2007 at Upper Canada Village. (wider angle)

Archbishop O’Brien Director Gartland Bishop Crosby.jpg - Archbishop Brendan O’Brien, of the Kingston Archdiocese, CDSBEO Director of Education Bill Gartland and Bishop Douglas Crosby, of the Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador.

Mass Group Seated.jpg – The Teachers, Educational Assistants, and Student Support Workers begin the P.A. Day by celebrating Mass.

