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### ***Ron Eamer Acclaimed As CDSBEO Chair***

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**Kemptville** - Cornwall-Glengarry Trustee *Ron Eamer* has begun his fourth term as Chair of the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario. Mr. Eamer was acclaimed to the position during the Inaugural Meeting of the Board's Second Term on December 14, 2004, at the Kemptville Board Office. Entering his 24<sup>th</sup> year as a school board trustee, Mr. Eamer thanked his fellow trustees for their ongoing confidence in his leadership.

Mr. Eamer said he welcomed the opportunity to continue to represent the Board during its 7th year of amalgamation. He stated, "I have tremendous pride in our Board. When I look at the milestones we have reached – student achievement on the rise, an excellent staff, hosting the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association Convention, and producing a book on the story of our schools – I think we have one of the best school boards in the province, if not the country."

"We are also very fortunate to be one of the few boards in the province with growing enrolment. Our Board was responsible for 18% of all new capital construction in education in Ontario this year. This growth is indicative of the dedication of our staff and teachers and the positive environment they create in our schools to support and educate our children."

Mr. Eamer says the Board will continue to pursue opportunities to address funding shortfalls. He notes, "A number of programs have been announced lately, but the benefits to our Board have been minimal. We will continue to lobby the Ministry for adequate funding and support."

Lanark Trustee *Nancy Kirby* was also acclaimed during the Inaugural Meeting - returning as Vice-Chair of the Board for the coming year. Mrs. Kirby, now in her 10<sup>th</sup> year as a trustee, served as CDSBEO Chair from 1998 to 2002. She stated, "The Board has come a long way in the 7 years since amalgamation. Our vision for the Board has worked well, and it is very gratifying to help move our school system forward through our work as trustees."

Board trustees, including Stormont-Dundas Trustee *Denis Sabourin*, Prescott-Russell Trustee *Sue Wilson*, Cornwall-Glengarry Trustee *Gerald Samson*, Grenville Trustee *Brent Laton* and Leeds Trustee *Robin Reil*, were blessed by Archbishop *Marcel Gervais* of the Ottawa Archdiocese during Mass at the Inaugural Meeting.

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