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CDSBEO School

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### ***Prime Minister Martin Visits CDSBEO School***

**Cornwall** – St. Joseph’s Catholic Secondary School opened its doors to Prime Minister Paul Martin Thursday, December 1, 2005.

St. Joseph Principal Jack McCue said, “It’s a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet the Prime Minister. It’s something that most of us never get to experience.”

The Prime Minister visited the Cornwall school to speak to students about a wide variety of topics including many global issues, which is a natural connection with the CDSBEO’s 2005-2006 Board theme “We are people of God...Transforming the World!”

Students were also given the opportunity to ask questions of the Prime Minister. “I am quite impressed by the nature of the questions put to me today,” said Mr. Martin. “I think social conscience is an incredible trait to have and if you want an example of that social conscience you had to be in this room. I’ve got to say Mr. McCue, you should be very proud of your students.”

Board Chair Ron Eamer said, “It is truly an honour to have a Prime Minister visit one of our schools. It is an excellent opportunity for our students to witness Canadian history in the making.”

Director of Education Ann Perron stated, “We challenge our Catholic students to be reflective, creative thinkers and make responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good. The visit by Prime Minister Martin provided a wonderful opportunity for students to be engaged in this kind of dialogue. I was very proud of the students and the depth of knowledge they demonstrated today.”

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario covers 8 counties and includes 41 elementary schools and 10 secondary schools.

St. Joseph’s Catholic Secondary School opened in 1983. It has an enrolment of 889 students and is one of three Catholic secondary schools in Cornwall.

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