

News Release

Date: December 1, 2009

Subject: CDSBEO Inaugural Meeting Election Results

From: Bob Perreault, CDSBEO Communications Officer

Box 2222, 2755 Highway 43, Kemptville, ON K0G 1J0
613-258-7757 or 1-800-443-4562 ext. 206

Mr. Ronald Eamer to Serve Ninth Consecutive Term as CDSBEO Chair; Mrs. Nancy Kirby Acclaimed to Ninth Term as Vice-Chair

Kemptville, ON –Trustee from Cornwall Glengarry, Mr. Ronald Eamer, was acclaimed as the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario's Chairperson for a ninth straight term at the Board's Inaugural Meeting held December 1, 2009. "I am truly honoured and blessed to have the support of my fellow Trustees," said Mr. Eamer in accepting the position.

Mr. Eamer, who is entering his 29th year as a Catholic School Trustee, said, "Our Trustees all share a passion for Catholic education. As a group of Trustees, we make every effort to share that passion with the Ministry and our other partners in education. It is an honour to represent this Board, and my colleagues, for another term."

Also at the Inaugural Meeting, Trustees acclaimed Lanark County Trustee, Mrs. Nancy Kirby, to the position of CDSBEO Vice-Chair. Like Mr. Eamer, this will be Mrs. Kirby's ninth term in the role.

In addition to her role with the CDSBEO, Mrs. Kirby continues to serve as Vice-President of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association. "I am honoured to have the support of my fellow Trustees. I am fortunate to be able to share our Board's successes with Trustees from across the province."

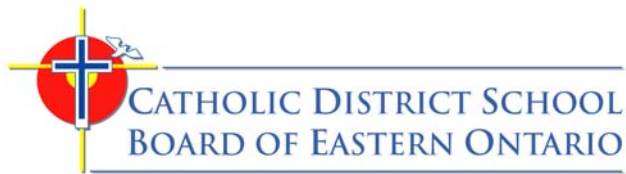
Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland, stated, "Our Trustees are a key in providing the very best Catholic education for our students. I look forward to working with Mr. Eamer, Mrs. Kirby and all the Trustees in the year to come."

The Inaugural Meeting began by the celebration of Mass. The Board was blessed to have The Most Rev. Terrence Prendergast, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Ottawa in the role of celebrant.

We walk in good company!

Ronald Eamer
Board Chair

Wm. J. Gartland
Director of Education



During Mass, his Grace offered his thanks to Trustees and Senior Administration for the work they do to preserve and protect Catholic education.

The Archbishop also blessed all CDSBEO Trustees – Mr. Eamer, and Mrs. Kirby; Todd Lalonde, City of Cornwall and Glengarry County; Brent Laton, Grenville County; Robin Reil, Leeds County; Karen McAllister, Dundas and Stormont Counties; Sue Wilson, Prescott and Russell Counties; and Chris Walasek, Catholic Student Trustee.

Director Gartland also presented his annual report to the Board of Trustees. This reported the good things that have happened in Catholic education in eastern Ontario over the last year. The report is available for download on the Board's website, www.cdsbeo.on.ca, and a video version is also available to be viewed.

For more information, please contact 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 39 elementary and 10 secondary schools across 8 counties. The CDSBEO offers excellence in Catholic education through provincial-leading programs to approximately 15,000 students.

We walk in good company!

Ronald Eamer
Board Chair

Wm. J. Gartland
Director of Education