

News Release

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We Walk in Good Company: CDSBEO Gathers All Staff for Board-wide Faith Day

Kemptville, ON – The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario (CDSBEO) hosted a Board-wide Faith Day for all of its 1600 employees from across its eight counties on September 25th. Held in the beautiful early autumn setting of Upper Canada Village, the day was inspired by the CDSBEO's new theme *We walk in good company!*

Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland said, "This was a wonderful opportunity to bring all of our staff together from all corners of our Board. Geography poses a large obstacle as our Board is so large, so we are very grateful to have this day of celebration and inspiration as we continue to develop our individual roles in delivering quality, Catholic education."

The group congregated in a 10,800 square foot tent and started the day by celebrating Mass as led by the Most Rev. Brendan O'Brien of the Archdiocese of Kingston.

Board Chair Ronald Eamer said Mass was togetherness defined. "The Eucharist was a Board-wide display of support from the Clergy. Archbishop O'Brien has always spoken highly of our Board and we are grateful for his ongoing guidance and support."

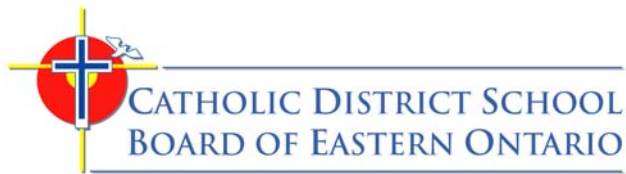
Following Mass, Mr. Gartland delivered a keynote address in which he spoke of several employees who embody the Catholic virtues of Faith, Hope, Love, Justice, Fortitude, Prudence and Temperance.

"It is very important that we tell our stories," said Mr. Gartland. "This was an opportunity for us to highlight some of the individuals from across our Catholic school system. These people are merely a representation of so many from our Board. They not only do their jobs to the best of their abilities each and every day, but they take the extra step to become leaders and role models in their Catholic communities."

We walk in good company!

Ronald Eamer
Board Chair

Wm. J. Gartland
Director of Education



The Board welcomed Rev. J-Glenn Murray, S.J. a parochial vicar at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church, a Jesuit parish in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C., who delivered an inspiring speech. Rev. Murray challenged all to be Saints in our everyday lives to help guide and to be positive influences to our students in both their educational and personal lives.

Board Chair, Ronald Eamer said the day was wonderful. "It's an incredible feeling of pride that our school board can come together like one big family. It is so moving to share this celebration of our Catholic Faith and affirmation of our dedication to providing the best Catholic education that we can for our students."

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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.

Included images:

FaithDay01 – Archbishop Brendan O'Brien (center) of the Archdiocese of Kingston is joined by guest speaker Rev. J-Glenn Murray, S.J. (right of the Archbishop) a parochial vicar at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church, a Jesuit parish in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C., local clergy and Altar Servers following mass at the CDSBEO's Faith Day, held September 25, 2009 at Upper Canada Village.

FaithDay02 – Close to 1600 CDSBEO employees gathered at Upper Canada Village for a joyous day of faith and inspiration on September 25, 2009.

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Ronald Eamer
Board Chair

Wm. J. Gartland
Director of Education