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### **RECIPIENTS OF ANNUAL \$5,000 MARGARET NELSON LEADERSHIP AWARD ARE NAMED AT ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS**

Recipients of the 2010 Margaret Nelson Leadership Award have been named. Three students – one graduating from each of St. Clair Catholic’s high schools – will receive the honour, which is named for former Director of Education Margaret Nelson, who retired in January 2006 after a 42 year career in Catholic education.

This year’s honourees are:

- Monika Kaminski – Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School
- Michael Cimetta – St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School
- Sandra Thompson – St. Patrick’s Catholic High School

Each of the students will receive a plaque and \$5,000 for their achievement.

“These students truly are leaders in their school communities,” says Paul Wubben, Director of Education. “They are tremendous ambassadors for their schools and for Catholic education. We are proud of each of them.”

There were 20 applicants for the award this year. The honourees are chosen by a panel, which includes representatives of senior Board administration and the Board of Trustees, the three Catholic high school principals and chaplains and community representatives.

The *Margaret Nelson Leadership Award* is bestowed on graduating students who through their words, actions and leadership qualities embody the spirit of each of the Catholic Graduate Expectations. Recipients must have a record of leadership in their school, demonstrated by a wide variety of student events, such as student government or extra-curricular activities. They must also show strong support to the community, through leadership of school events and a demonstrated commitment to social justice and stewardship, which are part of the Mission of Catholic education.

The students will receive their awards at the annual school graduation ceremonies in June.



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### ***TRUSTEES APPROVE \$564,174 IN IMPROVEMENTS AT TWO ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS***

Under the Ministry of Education's *Good Places to Learn* allocations, the St. Clair Catholic District School Board will receive annual funding for 25 years to finance approximately \$987,065 in renewal projects. This allocation was calculated by the ministry, based on the condition of St. Clair's school facilities in 2002 and 2003. St. Joseph Catholic School in Chatham was identified as having high needs with respect to plumbing, piping and fixture upgrades; while St. Elizabeth Catholic School in Wallaceburg was identified as having high needs with respect to roofing upgrades.

The Ministry of Education has also announced a \$550 million investment to improve energy efficiency of Ontario schools. St. Clair Catholic will receive an allocation of \$2,778,329 over a two year period. Based on an energy audit commissioned by the Board, energy efficient window replacements are recommended for 10 per cent of the windows at St. Joseph Catholic School in Chatham and in the daycare area of St. Elizabeth Catholic School in Wallaceburg.

Total cost of these projects is:

#### **St. Joseph Catholic School, Chatham**

- Plumbing upgrade and window replacement – \$274,978

#### **St. Elizabeth Catholic School, Wallaceburg**

- Window and roof replacement – \$289,196

Work on both projects is expected to be completed by September 2010.