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CEFO CATHOLIC STUDENT AWARD 2020

Dear Principals,

In these challenging and unprecedented times, we acknowledge that you, the educational leaders, are called upon daily to make many difficult decisions about an uncertain future. In saying this, we don't want to add to your burden; however, we have received many calls and emails from boards and chaplaincy leaders inquiring as to whether we are going to acknowledge the Catholic Student leaders in each school community for this year. Some schools and boards have made decisions as to when and how they are going to hold graduation ceremonies, while others have not yet come to a decision. We simply want to let you know that we are happy to receive the information about your Catholic Student Award recipient. Once our printer opens, we will prepare scrolls to send to your school.

The Catholic Student Award is a unique opportunity for the Catholic education community to recognize and celebrate the contributions of our young Catholic youth. It is also a tribute to the positive influence, inspiration and dedication of our Catholic teachers, chaplains, school administrators and the student's parents.

You are invited to submit the name of an outstanding student to be the recipient of this year's award for your school community. The guidelines and a nomination form are enclosed. Please send the name of your student award recipient and a digital photo at your earliest convenience so that we are able to prepare the inscribed scroll in time for your presentation. Enclosed you will find an explanation regarding submitting a photo.

Last year, we printed the names of the Catholic Student recipients, as well as the Carty and Monk award recipients, in the Catholic Register. I am pleased to announce that the Ontario Catholic Trustees Association has generously agreed to print a full-page ad in the October 2020 Education Edition of the Catholic Register. In order to include your school and student recipient, it is important that we receive this information by **September 25, 2020**.

We have also traditionally celebrated these students at the Fr. Patrick Fogarty dinner -- this year scheduled for October 24, 2020. In light of the uncertainty about public gatherings, we will communicate with boards and schools once we have clarity from public health officials and government leaders.

Yours in Catholic education,

Don Walker,
Executive Director