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Dear Principals,

We are disappointed to announce that, due to the global pandemic, **we have decided to cancel the Father Patrick Fogarty Dinner**, this year scheduled for October 24, 2020. Given the current governmental restrictions on public gatherings and uncertainties about large group gatherings in the fall, in addition to the significant financial penalties we would face if the dinner were to be cancelled beyond a June deadline, we found it necessary to make the decision to cancel now. It is a decision that we have not made without many conversations, especially given that this is the second year that we have had to cancel the dinner, and we see it as an opportunity to recognize the marvellous achievements of our Catholic high school student leaders and to celebrate the extraordinary work done in our schools through the Carty and Monk Awards.

While we will not be hosting the dinner this year, we will be sending out certificates, pins, and L'Arche crosses to high schools so that they may recognize their Catholic Student Award Recipient. We are asking you to submit the student names so that we can prepare the certificates to be conferred at an appropriate community event. We will also be forwarding those names to our university partners for scholarship consideration.

In addition, thanks to the generous financial support of the Ontario Catholic Trustees Association, we will publish the names of the Catholic Student Award Recipients in the **Catholic Register** in mid-October. Please be sure that you have **media release permission** so that we may publish the student names. We will need to have the student's information by Friday, September 25, 2020.

We plan to announce in early October the recipients of the Carty and Monk Awards and we hope that those awards will be celebrated in their local communities.

We have extended our deadlines for both the **Catholic Student Award Recipient nominations** and our **applications for the Carty and Monk Awards** until **September 25, 2020**.

As we move through these challenging times, it is our hope to continue to recognize and to celebrate the vital contribution of Catholic public education to the common good.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Eileen Donovan - President

Donald Walker – Executive Director