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Lisa LaFlamme Receives Catholic Board's Distinguished Graduate Award

Kitchener – Multi award-winning CTV News correspondent Lisa LaFlamme – a graduate of *St. Daniel Catholic Elementary School* and *St. Mary's High School* in Kitchener -- has been named recipient of the 2007 Waterloo Catholic District School Board *Distinguished Graduate Award*.

Lisa accepted the award on October 3rd during St. Mary's High School's annual graduation ceremonies.

Previous award recipients include University of Waterloo Professor *Dr. Brian Orend* (2006) and Superior Court Justice *Patrick J. Flynn* (2005).

The prestigious award was initiated by the Board of Trustees in 2005 to honour graduates of Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to their faith and have made significant contributions to their community.

Beginning her news career as a radio reporter for local news stations *CFCA FM/AM109* in 1989, Lisa quickly moved on to become a reporter and long-time news anchor for *CKCO TV*. She served for several years as co-host of CTV's flagship morning program *Canada AM* and since 2003 has been National Affairs Correspondent for the *CTV National News With Lloyd Robertson* – where she has served as a fill-in anchor for Mr. Robertson on numerous occasions.

She has received five Gemini nominations in the Best News Anchor category and has traveled the globe anchoring network coverage and reporting on stories ranging from the September 11 terrorist attacks to the war in Afghanistan, the south-Asian tsunami, Hurricane Katrina and the death of Pope John-Paul II.

With members of her extended family still attending Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools, Lisa has continued to be a strong proponent and supporter of Catholic education.

The staff and students of Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools proudly congratulate Lisa for her many outstanding accomplishments and thank her for her continued support.

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board, representing more than 100,000 Catholic school supporters, operates 52 schools and five adult education facilities serving more than 30,000 elementary, secondary and continuing education students in Waterloo Region – continuing a tradition of education excellence first begun in 1836.

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