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Catholic Board Names 2010 Distinguished Graduate

Waterloo Region, ON – The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce the naming of **David Eby** as the Board's **2010 Distinguished Graduate**. He will accept the award on Thursday, October 7, 2010 during **St. Mary's High School's** annual graduation ceremonies at the Centre in the Square.

A lawyer by training, David attended **Canadian Martyrs Catholic Elementary School** in Kitchener and is a 1994 graduate of St. Mary's High School -- where he served as student council president. He is presently Executive Director of the **B.C. Civil Liberties Association**.

Previous award recipients include *Rev. Paul Voisin, C.R.*, Vicar General of the Diocese of Hamilton in Bermuda (2009), Ontario Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities *Dr. John Milloy* (2008), CTV National News anchor *Lisa LaFlamme* (2007), University of Waterloo Professor *Dr. Brian Orend* (2006) and Superior Court Justice *Patrick J. Flynn* (2005).

David's nominators have stated:

"David embodies all of the identified criteria for the Waterloo Catholic District School Board's Distinguished Graduate Award. He has committed and dedicated his body of work to some of the poorest and neediest communities known in Canada...David's preferential option for the poor has seen him working with and on behalf of one of the most marginalized populations in Canada – the homeless of downtown Vancouver's east side. His work with the B.C. Civil Liberties Association is rooted in the preservation and defense of human rights for all people."

Recognized by *Vancouver Magazine* as one of the city's "Power 50" most influential advocates, David is the author or lead editor of five publications on the state of housing and social sustainability in Vancouver. He has appeared frequently in both the B.C. and national media and has spoken as far away as Geneva on issues of civil liberties.

The staff and students of Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools proudly congratulate David for his many outstanding accomplishments and thank him for his continued and unwavering support for Catholic education and civil liberties both in Canada and around the world.

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board, representing more than 100,000 Catholic school supporters, operates 51 schools and five adult education facilities serving more than 40,000 elementary, secondary and continuing education students in Waterloo Region – continuing a 175-year tradition of quality, inclusive, faith-based education first begun in 1836.

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