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Justice Patrick Flynn Receives Catholic Board's First Distinguished Graduate Award

Kitchener – The Board of Trustees today announced the Hon. Mr. Justice Patrick J. Flynn (Superior Court of Justice) is the first recipient of the *Waterloo Catholic District School Board Distinguished Graduate Award*.

Justice Flynn will accept the award Thursday, October 6, 2005 during graduation ceremonies at Resurrection Catholic Secondary School, Kitchener.

Justice Flynn attended St. Teresa Catholic Elementary School in Kitchener before moving on to the historic St. Jerome's High School – where he graduated in 1963 as class valedictorian. He received his BA from St. Jerome's University in 1968 and his LLB from the University of Ottawa in 1978. Called to the bar in 1980, he became a founding partner of the law firm Flynn and Sorbara (now Sorbara, Schumacher, McCann LLP). From 1994 to 2002 he served as Prosecutor for the Attorney-General of Canada before being appointed in 2002 as Judge of the Superior Court of Justice and Judge ex-Officio of the Ontario Court of Appeal.

Justice Flynn has served his community as a charter member of the Forest Heights Optimists, founding director of the K-W Irish Society, and as a director of the K-W Arthritis Society, Family and Children's Services of Waterloo Region, the Waterloo Region Children's Museum and as a member of the Board of Governors of his alma mater, St. Jerome's University.

"When I think of and imagine all the most deserving graduates of the former Kitchener Separate School Board and the former K-W Catholic High School Board – let alone the schools of the Waterloo Catholic District School Board and all its predecessor Boards -- I am stunned to be recognized in this way," said Justice Flynn. "I certainly hope that I can carry the high and rightful expectations of the Trustees."

The *Distinguished Graduate Award* was developed by the Board of Trustees in 2004 to honour a graduate of more than 10 years from Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to their faith and contribution to their community.

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