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Catholic Board Names Distinguished Graduate Award Recipient

Waterloo Region, ON – The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce the naming of **Mary Jo Fedy** as the Board's **Distinguished Graduate Award** recipient for 2013. The award will be presented on Monday, June 24, 2013 during **St. Mary's High School's** annual graduation ceremonies.

Mary Jo graduated with honours from St. Mary's High School in 1983. Her academic achievements were outstanding as she received the **Mabel B. Dunham Award** in Grade 13 for the highest academic achievement in the graduating class with a course average of 96%. What makes this achievement more impressive is that she did this all while being a member of the **Canadian National Figure Skating Team**.

Following high school Mary Jo attained a Masters degree in Accounting from the University of Waterloo, followed by her Chartered Accountant designation in Ontario in 1989. She is currently the Office Managing Partner for **KPMG LLP's** Waterloo office -- one of only three women in Canada to hold such a position.

In 2012 she was named **Rogers Oktoberfest Woman of the Year** in the Professional Category.

In addition to her athletic and professional achievements Mary Jo has always given back to her community, serving in the following capacities:

- ✓ Campaign Chair, The Family Centre, Family and Children's Services of Waterloo Region;
- ✓ Advisory Board, College of Management and Economics, University of Guelph;
- ✓ Member, Grand River Hospital Development Committee;
- ✓ Member, Freeport Health Centre Volunteer Association;
- ✓ Director, KPMG Canada Board of Directors;
- ✓ Board of Directors, Waterloo Region Catholic Schools Foundation;
- ✓ Board of Directors, KPMG Foundation;
- ✓ Board of Directors, Grand River Hospital Foundation;
- ✓ Board of Governors, Grand River Hospital Foundation;
- ✓ Secretary-Treasurer, K-W Skating Club Trust;
- ✓ Treasurer, Sun Life Skate Canada;
- ✓ Treasurer, K-W Provincial Liberal Association; and,
- ✓ Treasurer, Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery.

The students, staff and trustees of Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools proudly congratulate Mary Jo for her lifetime of accomplishments, dedication to her community and outstanding contributions to Catholic education and Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools.

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 40,000 elementary, secondary and continuing education students in Waterloo Region – continuing a 177-year tradition of quality, inclusive, faith-based education. Follow us on Twitter: **@WCDSBNewsWire - #WCDSBAwesome**.

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