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Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools Encourage Support for Philippine Typhoon Relief Efforts

Canadian Government to match donations until December 9th

Waterloo Region, ON – The students, staff and trustees of Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools encourage people across Waterloo Region and beyond to assist ongoing typhoon relief efforts in the Philippines via cash donations to accredited relief agencies.

The Government of Canada has initiated a matching funds program through which every dollar contributed between today and December 9th to a registered charity for typhoon relief will be matched by an additional dollar.

Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools and the broader Catholic community are encouraged, as always, to contribute via the **Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace** (www.devp.org/en or 1-888-664-3387).

Donations may also be made via the **Canadian Red Cross** (www.redcross.ca/) and the **Mennonite Central Committee** (<https://donate.mcc.org/project/typhoon-haiyan-response>).

"The devastation of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines should give all Canadians pause to consider how lucky we are to live in such a privileged and safe nation", said Director of Education Larry Clifford.

"As a Catholic school system one of the key things we teach our students is that we are all God's children and we are all citizens of the world. On behalf of our students, staff and trustees I encourage everyone in Waterloo Region to do what they can to assist our Filipino brothers and sisters in their time of great need."

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board, representing more than 100,000 Catholic school supporters, operates 50 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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