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Catholic Board Names Distinguished Graduate Award Recipient

Most Rev. Bishop Daniel Miehm receives prestigious honour

Waterloo Region, ON – The students, staff and trustees of Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools proudly congratulate the **Most Rev. Bishop Daniel Miehm** as the school board's 2017 **Distinguished Graduate Award** honouree. Bishop Miehm is currently Bishop of the **Diocese of Peterborough**.

The award will be presented on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at the **Resurrection Catholic Secondary School** graduation ceremony.

QuickFacts

- ✓ Bishop Daniel Miehm was born in 1960 in Kitchener, Ontario. Following graduation from **St. Jerome's High School** in Kitchener, he attended **St. Jerome's College, University of Waterloo** and **St. Augustine's Seminary** in Toronto. He was ordained to the Priesthood on May 6, 1989, at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Hamilton. He was ordained Bishop at the Cathedral on May 7, 2013.
- ✓ Bishop Miehm holds a Master's of Divinity degree from St. Augustine's Seminary and a Licentiate in Canon Law from the **Angelicum University** in Rome. He served as a Priest in the **Diocese of Hamilton** from 1989 to 2013. During his ministry, he served as Associate Pastor at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Stoney Creek and the Cathedral of Christ the King in Hamilton and as Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Hamilton and St. Ann Parish in Ancaster. During this time, Bishop Miehm also served as a member and representative on various Councils in the Hamilton Diocese. From 1996 to 2012, he served as Judge and Defender of the Bond on the Toronto Regional Marriage Tribunal. In June of 2012, he was appointed Founding Pastor of St. Benedict Parish in Milton where he was ministering at the time of his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton.
- ✓ Among his various duties in the Diocese of Hamilton, Bishop Miehm was Moderator of the Pastoral Offices and also had oversight of the Permanent Deacons. On a national level, he serves the **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB)** as co-chair of the Hindu-Catholic Dialogue and as liaison to Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry. He also serves on the Education Commission for the **Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO)**.
- ✓ On March 10, 2017, His Holiness, **Pope Francis**, named Bishop Miehm the new Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough. He was formally installed as Bishop on April 19, 2017 during a special ceremony at St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral. The Diocese of Peterborough has 40 parishes and missions, covering an area between Parry Sound and Northumberland County, with a Catholic population of about 60,000.

Quotes

"Needless to say, it is always gratifying for us to see our graduates accomplish great things, but in the case of Bishop Miehm's appointment as Bishop of Peterborough, it is even more gratifying since our schools have had the opportunity to benefit directly and in so many ways from his vocation and his ministry. We know the Holy Father has chosen wisely and chosen well. As Bishop Miehm embarks on this new phase of his personal journey, we offer him our prayers and best wishes. While we know

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Bishop Miehm has many years of service to the Church ahead of him, we nevertheless believe it is not too early to say: well done, good and faithful servant.”

~~ *Loretta Notten, Director of Education*

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