

Press Release

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Sisters of St. Joseph receive Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction

Recognition for their outstanding contributions to Catholic education in the Niagara region

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto received the **Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction** on Feb. 4, 2005 at the Bishop's Gala in Niagara Falls's Club Italia. The Niagara Catholic District School Board has inaugurated this award, given to recognize individuals and groups for their outstanding contributions to Catholic education in the Niagara region.

For the past 149 years, the Sisters of St. Joseph have been involved in the life of the Niagara region, primarily through teaching in the elementary and high schools. Today, they continue to meet the needs of the people as Pastoral Assistant, Catholic Marriage Tribunal Case Instructor and Diocesan Archivist. Their ministries include Sacramental Preparation, RCIA leadership, the Out of the Cold Program, and serving as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers in local parishes and nursing homes.

All the recipients of the Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction this year are the religious communities of men and women who pioneered Catholic education in the Niagara region. They also include: The Holy Cross Community (Fathers, Brothers, Sisters), The Loretto Sisters of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The School Sisters of Notre Dame, The Felician Sisters, The Vincentian Sisters of Charity, The Sisters of St. Martha and The Sisters of Holy Cross.

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