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URSULINE SISTERS TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL DONATION WHICH WILL FUND UCC LEGACY GIFT INTO THE FUTURE

The Ursuline Sisters of Chatham-Kent will make a substantial cash donation to Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School this week. The endowment will fund a legacy award, which will support students into the future.

"We are very humbled and most grateful for this generous donation," says Ray Power, Principal of Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School. "It is very fitting that this gift, which will support our students into the future, is being given by the Ursuline Sisters, who have done so much to shape our past and our present."

The ministry of the Ursulines began in Chatham in 1860, with the arrival from France of Mother Xavier. Her important work in education was the beginning of a ministry which spread across Canada and beyond, to Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Japan, the Bahamas, the United States and Peru.

While recognized everywhere as educators, the Ursuline Sisters also minister to refugees, immigrants, aboriginal peoples, marginalized women, seniors and the infirm, as well as their ground-breaking ministry in justice, ecology and spiritual growth.

"Without the work of the Ursuline Sisters there would be no Ursuline College," says Dan Parr, Director of Education for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board. "We give thanks to God for their faith-filled leadership of Catholic education and their steadfast commitment to respond to the needs of the community of Chatham-Kent with unwavering generosity and love."

In honour of the many contributions of the Ursuline Sisters, a special prayer service and reception will be held in the theatre at Ursuline College on *Thursday*, *April 23*, *2015 at 2:45 p.m.*, at which details surrounding the legacy gift will be announced.

Members of the media are welcome.