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### ***‘BLESSING OF THE GROUND’ KICK-OFF CELEBRATION TO BE HELD AT SITE OF NEW NORTH CHATHAM SCHOOL***

Students, staff and parents will gather at the site of the new north Chatham Catholic elementary school early in January for a *Blessing of the Ground* ceremony. The celebration will be the first of many to mark milestones along the way in the process leading up to the opening of the new school.

“It is fitting that as a Catholic community we begin this journey by asking God’s blessing of the ground,” says Deb Crawford, Director of Education Designate. “This will be a very special celebration!”

Student and staff representatives of Our Lady of Fatima, St. Agnes and St. Vincent Catholic school communities will be attending, along with parents, parish members and local dignitaries. Following a brief ceremony at the site, we will move to the warmth of Red Line Room at the Thames Campus Arena for a reception with hot chocolate, coffee, tea and cake!

In the meantime, work continues to secure a location for the south Chatham elementary school. An announcement is expected early in the New Year.

***The blessing ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at the site of the new school, 801 McNaughton Avenue, W., Chatham. Members of the media are welcome.***