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SPECIAL DEANERY MEETING TO FOCUS ON BISHOPS' PASTORAL LETTER ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION

In the Spring of 2018, the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario released *Renewing The Promise*, a pastoral letter on Catholic education. The document provides specific guidance for each group of stakeholders – students and parents; teachers and education workers; support staff, principals and vice principals; trustees and senior administration; and clergy and pastoral teams.

Renewing The Promise is an encouragement for all who share responsibility for Catholic education to nurture and strengthen Catholic schools as communities which exemplify Gospel values.

"The Bishops' intended audience for *Renewing The Promise* goes beyond the walls of our schools, to our families, parishes and all Catholic communities that come together under the home-school-parish relationship," says Deb Crawford, Director of Education.

"That is why we are gathering this broad group of stakeholders to review and understand this important document," says Mrs. Crawford.

In addition to school and Board staff and students, attendees for the Special Deanery Meeting also include trustees, pastors and parish staff and members of the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League.

Our facilitator for the day is Joe Bezzina, Director of Pastoral Services and Episcopal Liaison for Catholic Schools for the Diocese of London.

The Special Deanery Meeting for the Sarnia-Lambton family of schools will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall, Sarnia beginning at 12:00 p.m.

Members of the media are welcome.