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**NORTHEASTERN CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

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NCDSB Adopts "You Are the Light of the World" As the New Board Theme

Northeastern Catholic District School Board, January 11th, 2008: January 15th marks the official launch of our new Board Theme ~ "You are the light of the world." Liturgical celebrations will be held in all of our Catholic schools throughout the Districts of Cochrane and Temiskaming as well as the Board office.

Last year the Board's Faith Committee agreed that having a Board-wide faith theme would be a good way to reach our many stakeholders in a positive and affirming manner. Our Catholic schools cover a wide geographical area from Kapuskasing to Cobalt and include many beautiful communities, each with their own unique history and traditions. The Faith Committee, comprised of stakeholders such as school administrators, students, teachers, support staff, parents, trustees and clergy, felt that a Board theme would help unify our School Board. It will also remind all of us who work, study, or support our schools that our faith is at the root of who we are as a community of schools.



Why NCDSB wants a Board theme...

- Build a stronger sense of community and come together as a family
- Reaffirm the relevance of our faith in our system
- Celebrate our faith
- Create unity

The selection of the Board theme came after a comprehensive consultation with our students, staff, parents, parishes, community members, trustees and administration staff. Over 60% of those who provided feedback chose "You are the light of the world" as the theme that best represents our Catholic school communities.

"YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD" (Mtt., 5.14-16)

Verse explanation: This comes after the sermon on the mount, in which Jesus describes the dispositions that a Christian should have (e.g. humility, compassion, meekness, etc). If we display these in our lives, we will be a shining example to others and provide hope to the world.

Michael Buhler, Chair of the NCDSB Faith Committee and Pastoral Care Worker for the Board.