



# NEWS RELEASE

## OICS Fundraises to Provide Drinking Water to Village in Ethiopia Timmins, May 4, 2012:

Ted Wertz, OICS Principal proudly proclaimed "I am so proud of the students at O'Gorman Intermediate Catholic School for collecting pennies and coins during our 'Penny Fundraiser' to be able to bring clean drinking water, one of the necessities of life, to the village of Ropi in Ethiopia. We have raised over \$3,000.00 and this money will benefit the lives of an entire village. Way to go OICS!"



Last year, Michelle Lohuis, an Educational Assistant at OICS, visited the area and met up with a local priest who indicated the need for clean drinking water for the people who live in the village of Ropi. He noted the dire need for a clear water source and pointed out the condition of the river by the village that the animals will not drink from at times.

The funds collected by the students of O'Gorman Intermediate Catholic School will go towards the digging of a new drinking water well.

Congratulations go to Mr. Seguin's Grade 7 Immersion class for raising the most money of any class. Also, special mention goes to Spencer Lahaie, a grade 7 student, (pictured on the right) who brought in over \$500.00 himself. He organized a car wash and asked for and received a donation from Toyota.



With Catholic Education Week, taking place May 6 to 11, the students at OICS are truly demonstrating the Catholic Virtue of Charity and how small acts of goodness can multiply into life saving measures for others. *Truly OICS is an example for all to follow!*

**For more information, please contact:**  
Andrew Marks, Community Relations Officer  
(705) 268-7443 ext. 3213