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St. Simon Stock School to Celebrate Solemn Blessing

Blessing theme is Rooted in Christ – we are flowers in one garden, we are branches of one tree

On Wednesday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m., St. Simon Stock School in Mississauga will celebrate its solemn school blessing. A school blessing is a milestone event in the life of a new Catholic school, and normally takes place within one year of the opening of the school. The celebration includes the blessing of the school's foyer crucifix, as well as crucifixes from each classroom. This will be undertaken by Father Leo Huard, parish priest at St. John of the Cross Church.

School Blessings are highly ceremonial occasions with a strong community focus, and are attended by students, parents, clergy, school staff, board officials, school trustees and other elected officials. Mississauga Mayor, Hazel McCallion will join board chair, Arthur Peters, Mississauga Ward 9 trustee Esther O'Toole, senior board administrators and staff, and members of the school community, to celebrate the St. Simon Stock School blessing.

"This special day for our school will follow many weeks of preparation by our students, staff, and parent community," said Bill Schuster, Principal of St. Simon Stock School. "We welcome students, parents, and members of the community to come out and share the occasion with us."

St. Simon Stock School, located at 6440 Lisgar Drive in Mississauga, opened on September 3, 2002. It is home to 558 students ranging from JK to Grade 8.