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TO: Chairpersons & Directors of Education
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FROM: Sharon McMillan, Director of Communications

SUBJECT: OCSTA's 2017 Short Video YouTube Contest

We are pleased to announce that *Stewards of Creation* is the theme for OCSTA's 2017 Short Video YouTube Contest for students in grades 4-12 at Ontario's publicly-funded Catholic schools.

This theme invites students to demonstrate in a 2-minute video how they are protecting and caring for the natural, living environment as good "Stewards of Creation."

*A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach.
It must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment,
so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.*
-Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*

Deadline for Submissions: November 27, 2017

Contest guidelines and submission forms are located at:
<http://www.ocsta.on.ca/media-centre/2017-short-video-contest/>

PUBLIC SCREENING OF ALL SUBMISSIONS!

All submissions that meet contest guideline requirements will be shared with the public throughout the year via the [OCSTA YouTube Channel](#). In this way we hope that more parents, students, teachers, parishioners and friends of Catholic education will be able to enjoy these presentations.

We are pleased to be able to provide the following prizes for the top 3 videos at both the elementary and secondary levels:

First Place: \$300 Best Buy Gift Certificate
Second Place: \$150 Best Buy Gift Certificate
Third Place: \$100 Indigo Gift Certificate

The winning entries will be announced at OCSTA's annual Catholic Trustees Seminar in January.

We thank the students, teachers and trustees of all our Catholic school boards for their continued support of this celebration and promotion of Catholic education in Ontario. For more information about this initiative, please contact Sharon McMillan, OCSTA's Director of Communications (smcmillan@ocsta.on.ca / 416-932-9460 ext. 232).