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SUBJECT: *“Opening Doors of Mercy” in Your Board/Community (Video Clips)*

Each year our Catholic Student Trustees play a leadership role in the organization of Catholic Education Week (CEW) across Ontario. The theme for this year is *“Opening Doors of Mercy”* and our Catholic Student Trustees have produced a video inviting students in your board to send a brief video (2 minutes) demonstrating how your schools “Open Doors of Mercy” in your local community.

This promotional video can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WljxBnxjy0o&feature=youtu.be> and we encourage you to show this to your local Catholic student trustees and your student presidents/student senates.

By participating in this project, your students will be further engaged in the Jubilee Year of Mercy and will be able to articulate how your community conducts their acts of mercy in its local and regional neighbourhood.

The two-minute video created by your board will need to be uploaded to your board's own YouTube account. Once you have done so, please send the URL address to us by **Monday, April 4, 2016** to: acabral@ocsta.on.ca.

We would ask that your board send just one overall submission because we will be combining visual highlights from all 29 English Catholic boards and our eight French Catholic boards. This composite video will be shown in all Catholic high schools across Ontario at the provincial Mass to be held on May 3, 2016.

We see this as an exciting way for our Catholic youth to participate in a provincial project and proudly declare how “Doors of Mercy” are open in your Board of Education.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at OCSTA if you have any further questions.