



**Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools**

## *Media Advisory*

### **Catholic schools students raise \$50,000 for social justice causes**

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As students at Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools prepared for Easter this spring they once again participated in their annual Lenten fund-raising projects. The results were outstanding: schools across the division raised approximately \$50,000 for several causes.

This year more than a dozen Catholic schools in Saskatoon raised money for the Friends of Loa “Schools Building Schools” project.

Loa is a town in Magwi County in southern Sudan where the schools were destroyed after years of civil war. The Friends of Loa Humanitarian Development Agency is a Saskatoon-based group working to help the people in this region rebuild their lives. Its members include Anthony Angu and Vicky Angua, former refugees who are now attending the University of Saskatchewan and raising their young daughter in Saskatoon. One of the group’s first projects is to rebuild the secondary school in Loa.

**On Thursday, May 25, at 9 a.m. in the main gym at Holy Cross High School (2115 McEown Avenue)** students will present the Friends of Loa with a large, colourful cheque for \$15,000, the amount raised at Holy Cross thanks to several creative fund-raisers held throughout Lent. Afterwards, the students and the Friends of Loa will be available for interviews.

Fittingly, the presentation is occurring on World Catholic Education Day, which is held annually to celebrate the faith-based teaching and learning that occurs in Catholic schools. Imparting an awareness of social justice issues, like those confronting Loa, is an important component of Catholic education.

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools has 44 schools and approximately 15,500 students in Saskatoon, Humboldt, Biggar and Viscount. The mission of our school division is to assist parents and the local Church community in the formation of students in heart, mind, body and spirit.

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