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# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Niagara Catholic to Stop Use of Single-Use Plastics in September 2022

Niagara Catholic has an outstanding record of environmental stewardship through our many Green Niagara Catholic initiatives, including leading the province in terms of 100% participation in the Ontario EcoSchools Program.

Building upon this strong foundation, effective this September, the Niagara Catholic District School Board will no longer use single-use plastics such as cutlery and stir sticks in schools or sites, effective September 2022. This aligns with the federal government's ban on single-use plastics, as well as Pope Francis's call to protect creation for future generations and to embrace lifestyle changes focused on sustainability.

In addition to this, as contracts with cafeteria suppliers are reviewed for renewal, Niagara Catholic will require the successful suppliers to discontinue the use of all single-use plastic utensils and straws at all Board sites by September 2023.

"As a school board, we are strongly committed to doing all that we can to ensure that we ensure students in our schools today – and for generations to come – live on a healthy planet given to us by God," said Director of Education Camillo Cipriano. "We believe that in taking this step, we are leading by example in a very tangible way, hopefully leaving a better planet behind than the one we inherited."