



Courage to Lead

Dear GrACE Colleagues and Advocates,

Welcome to another school year!

As we look forward to a faithful year of learning, we ask you to join us in *Courage to Lead*.

This year's theme is rooted in words from Joshua 1:9, reminding us, as Catholics, of the enduring strength that our faith provides in the face of life's challenges. As Catholics, our hope and reassurance comes from God who provides us all with inner strength to persevere in His love.

The message champions – each and every one of us – to press forward in our Catholic values and beliefs with confidence and the backing of God Himself.

The scriptural passage further serves as a source of encouragement in our role, as Catholic Parents; Teachers; Educators; School Administrators; Trustees; Clergy; Advocates and Parishioners. It is a message of hope and reassurance in the face of the challenges that we, as Catholics, encounter and heartens us as a community to unite in faith and courage.

As Catholics, we all have a role to play and contribution to make rooted in our Catholic beliefs and values. We are all called to lead with courage and to be strong, courageous and unafraid, safe and secure in God's love and the Catholic Faith. Every effort counts in supporting and promoting our Catholic Education system and Schools, not just as places of learning, but also places where our young people can grow in their faith and understanding of Catholic values.

Prayer is the most powerful way to reinforce our sense of purpose and mission that underpins Catholic Education.

An old Irish Dominican once told me that:-

'God rules the world but prayer rules God. Pray as if everything depends on God and work as if everything depends on you'.

Best wishes for a successful and fulfilling school year. May your endeavours be fruitful and bring much joy and satisfaction.

If you have any questions for GrACE or need assistance from GrACE in the future, please feel free to reach out to me.

Kate

Executive Director GrACE

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The Gift of Public Funded Catholic Education

In unity with the Bishops of Alberta, Trustees, Superintendents, Educators, Clergy, Parents, Parishioners, Stakeholders and Catholic Influencers the Catholic Education Family in Alberta provides authentic Catholic education to more than 183,000 students, supporting and affirming the values, principles and spiritual foundation that Catholic Schools are built upon to ensure continued success and impact.

Our Catholic Faith is at the centre of all our efforts, fostering an environment that nurtures both academic excellence; spiritual growth and a sense of collective responsibility in upholding the mission and values of Catholic education in our shared society.

Mission of GrACE

In telling the story of Catholic Education, both celebrating its success but addressing the historical and current issues it faces, GrACE plays a vital role in creating awareness and fostering a deeper understanding of the value and importance of Catholic education.

Celebrating Catholic Education, GrACE's mission is to inspire, invigorate, and embolden the spirit of Catholic Education in Alberta. By uniting, engaging, educating, and communicating with one voice, GrACE creates a cohesive and impactful advocacy effort for Catholic education.

The grassroots approach of GrACE, through events and discussions in parishes, schools, and communities throughout Alberta ensures that our message reaches a wide audience and engages all stakeholders. By continuing to pursue its mission and amplifying the voices of the Catholic Education Family in Alberta, GrACE makes a significant impact in promoting the unique benefits and contributions of Catholic education in the province and beyond.

The work of GrACE in inspiring and invigorating the spirit of Catholic education, not only benefits the education system itself, but also has broader implications for the spiritual, intellectual, and social development of individuals and society as a whole.

By consistently highlighting the impact and value of Catholic Education, GrACE contributes to raising awareness and fostering support for the mission and values it embodies.

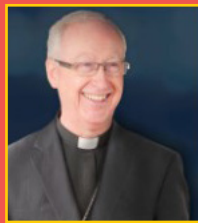
Students; Parents & Family Engagement

Aligned with GrACE's core values, let's explore innovative strategies that will enhance engagement with all of you; your Student bodies and all stakeholders within the wider Catholic Education movement in Alberta and beyond.

How can we more actively involve Parents and Families in our Student's education?

What can we do to foster a strong home-school partnership and provide Parent's with further support for their Child's Catholic School experience?

Meet the GrACE Board 2023-2024



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Archdiocese of Edmonton



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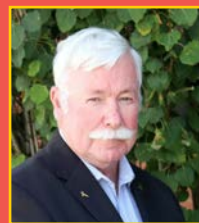
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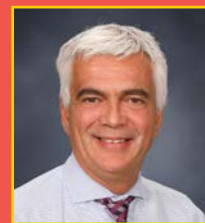
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Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful for October 2023

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Connect Online

We ask you to help us celebrate Catholic Education in Alberta.

Assist GrACE by:

- † Signing up for GrACE's Monthly Newsletter
- † Sharing GrACE's Monthly Newsletter with those who haven't signed up
- † Providing information to share in GrACE's Monthly Newsletter
- † Subscribing to GrACE's Facebook; Twitter and social media pages
- † Supporting local GrACE groups in your Parish
- † Share your positive stories and benefits from your Catholic School and Education
- † Follow GrACE on Facebook and Twitter.
- † Post your pictures and tag us so we can share them and celebrate too.

Thank you for being a grateful advocate in support of Catholic education @GrACE4cathed!

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Archbishop Smith's Message for the New School Year

At this exciting time at the beginning of a new school year begins, GrACE shares a message from His Grace, Archbishop Smith.



His Grace is the Catholic Schools liaison for the Alberta and Northwest Territories Bishops and the bridge between the bishops and Catholic Education.

New school year lessons from St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

"O my God, fill my soul with holy joy, courage, and strength to serve you. Enkindle your love in me, and then walk with me along the next stretch of road before me. I do not see very far ahead, but when I have arrived where the horizon now closes down, a new prospect will open before me, and I shall meet with peace."

~ St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)[1]



There are so many positive stories about Catholic Schools and Education in Alberta.

Called by God to Learn

East Central Catholic Schools

On Monday, August 28th, East Central Alberta Catholic School Division hosted its Mission and Ministry Day. The annual Mission and Ministry Day is a time in which all staff members join as a community to enrich and embolden our faith. Just like the students we serve, we, too, must take the time to learn about our Catholic faith and how we can best permeate it.

The ECCS touchstone of "We teach; we share; we learn; we care. We grow in Christ, believing that together we can make a difference." is the blueprint of our four-year faith plan. During this third year of our four-year faith plan, we delved into the reality that each of us has been created to learn and grow in our personal faith journeys. As an entire school division, we explored how God calls upon us to learn through the greatest realities of our faith: celebrating the Holy Mass, learning scripture, prayer and good works.

Our special guest was Mr. Chris Bray, who is a full-time traveling Catholic speaker and musician. Mr. Bray has released many albums, which have garnered him numerous top 10 and number 1 hit songs on Christian radio across Canada, as well as being awarded "New Artist of the Year," "Inspirational Song of the Year," and "Modern Worship Album of the Year."

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Mr. Bray's presentations were engaging and meaningful! The day's session helped us learn more about the meaning and relevance of Mass, prayer, worship, sharing, and studying scripture, which are all so important in our occupation as educators.

Chris presented wisdom and inspiration on several key topics. Some key takeaways for us included:

1. God calls us from our of death to life in Him.
2. Distractions in the form of idols steer us away from God.
3. Only God can fill the void in our lives.
4. Jesus, the word, comes to us to feed and sustain us.
5. The mass is Jesus offering Himself to Father on our behalf.
6. We are all called to active participation in the Mass.
We are sent to love and serve one another.
7. We are given gifts and talents to share His glory.
8. When we pray and worship, we are more ready to surrender to His will in the circumstances before us.



Overall, the day was an enriching experience. Trustees and staff members were challenged to do more and to be more this school year to bring the stakeholders we serve closer to God. We are each on a spiritual journey towards God's unconditional love, and through prayer, attending Mass, sharing and worshipping together, we can further our personal journeys and at the same time exemplify to others the mercy and joy of the Holy Trinity.

New Faith Theme in GSACRD

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools

Annually, as in many Catholic school jurisdictions, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools establishes a faith goal that reflects the strategic intent of the Division in achieving outcomes within the Three-Year Education Assurance Plan. The faith theme helps to organize and guide the work of evangelization within the Division's various school communities. The faith theme, which currently runs on a three-year cycle, celebrates the unique mission and identity of the Division and offers opportunities to inspire and engage students, families, and staff, animating an ongoing journey of faith with excitement, hope, and joy. It provides a focus for faith learning, spiritual development, community building, and service.

Theme Development

The theme arose as an idea from a conversation between the Superintendent and a teacher at the Division's high school in St. Albert, Lynn Zakreski, during a "Superintendent Brown Bag Lunch Visit" (these visits are just how they sound - the Superintendent brings lunch in a brown bag and eats with the staff in an effort to build relationships with teachers and support staff in a less structured setting). After some refining of the teacher's original idea to focus on the Trinity, with a year dedicated to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, respectively, the Superintendent and Religious Education Consultant, Colin Loiselle, had established the annual sub themes and selected Scripture verses for each year.

In April 2023, the Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools Board of Trustees approved the Division's overarching 2023-2026 faith theme: Growing in the Trinity: Love, Mercy & Grace, as well as each of the corresponding annual sub-themes:

- † 2023-24 Growing in Love, with the Father
- † With the Father, our Creator, who is the origin of love, we are inspired to share that love with one another. God is "Father", which means I am a child of God; we are ALL called by name to grow in love toward one another (sub-concepts: chosen, inclusivity, belonging, universality of God's love).

- † Scripture Focus: "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are." (1 John 3:1)
- † 2024-25 Growing in Mercy, with the Son
- † With the Son, Our Redeemer, as the icon of God's mercy and forgiveness, we are called to show compassion, mercy and forgiveness to our neighbours. Mercy is when God forgives me. We are called to recognize our imperfections, to seek out God's mercy, and to show mercy toward others (sub-concepts: humility, redemption, forgiveness, gratefulness).
- † Scripture Focus: "...be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, as God in Christ has forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:32)
- † 2025-26 Growing in Grace, with the Spirit
- † With the Holy Spirit, Our Sanctifier, as the bestower of grace, we are called to open ourselves to the Spirit, to recognize the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and to grow in grace. Grace is when God gives me something I have not earned. We need to be open to the spirit, and we respond by sharing our gifts and graces with others (sub-concepts: blessed, gifted, Fruit of the Holy Spirit, charisms).
- † Scripture Focus: "Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God." (1 Corinthians 2:12)

Original Art and Music

Upon approval of the theme, staff interest was sought relative to the design of an original triptych, each panel of which would represent one year of the theme, but when put together, would form a single image by the third year. Tara Ricioppo, a teacher from the Division's high school in Morinville, expressed

interest and developed the art that would visually define the theme for the next three years. The painting incorporates a radiant, stained glass effect, with three images representing (from left to right) the love of the Father, the mercy of the Son, and the grace of the Holy Spirit.

The Superintendent has also written a song, entitled “Growing in the Trinity,” containing three verses, each focusing on a year of the theme. The chorus encapsulates the main idea of the overall theme:

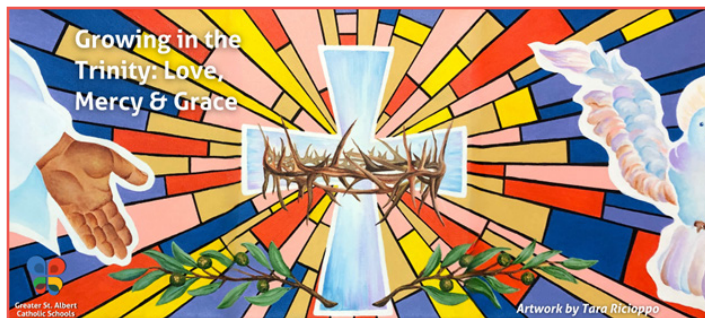
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Love, mercy, grace, infinitely.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Growing in the Trinity.

The Superintendent is currently in the process of recording the song in his basement when a spare moment presents itself. It will be ready in the very near future.

In Summary...

“Growing in the Trinity” provides a framework within which we meditate on the mystery of the Trinity, and grow in our understanding of, and relationship with each person of the Holy Trinity. As we focus on the love of the Father, the mercy of the Son, and the action of the Spirit (who pours grace into our hearts), we see ourselves at the center, growing and thriving.

Bishop Joseph Espaillet of the Diocese of New York uses the analogy of a rubber band to define the Trinity. In it, the Father is love, the Son is mercy, and the Holy Spirit is the “breath”



or “kiss” of God, which surrounds the Father and Son like a rubber band. We stand in the middle of this most Holy Trinity, gifted with the graces of love and mercy, as we lean into the Holy Spirit. However, when we lean into the Spirit (the rubber band), “we fly”; we are sent on mission. By using the image of growth and “growing” within the sub themes, each year’s theme can be made tangible, actionable, and animatable for our students. God’s love, mercy and grace are not abstract notions, but real and living expressions of the Trinity, which develop within us continually. As Christians, we pray for these expressions, accept them with gratitude, and foster their development by sharing them with others. As Bishop Robert Barron says, “this is spiritualphysics”. The more we share God’s graces, the more we receive.

Submitted by Dr. Clint Moroziuk, Superintendent

Embracing Newcomers: ECSD Extend a Warm Welcome to Their School Community

Edmonton Catholic School Division

Moving to a new country can sometimes be difficult. Leaving behind friends and family in their homeland, these newcomers face the daunting task of adjusting to a new life, a new culture, and a new education system. However, Edmonton Catholic Schools, with its deep-rooted commitment to faith, community, and education, has made it a priority to ease this transition and provide a nurturing environment for these families and their children.

Did you know that according to Statistics Canada, in the first quarter of 2023, 98% of the population growth continued to be due to permanent and temporary immigration? Canada welcomed 145,417 immigrants and 155,300 non-permanent residents in the first quarter, which is the highest for a single quarter across all provinces.

In the aftermath of the global pandemic that has reshaped the world, Canada has opened its borders to those seeking new opportunities. Families have embarked on a journey that transcends borders and cultures, venturing into the welcoming arms of Edmonton Catholic Schools.

At the heart of this support system is One World...One Centre—a hub of hope and guidance where newcomers find understanding, and a sense of belonging. The One World...One Centre staff help families navigate the complexities of the Canadian education system and, most importantly, lend a compassionate ear. In one parent’s words, “Newcomer families like us who are completely unaware of how the educational system in Canada, and Edmonton operates, so we could settle our kids smoothly in school. During the registration process at One World...One Centre. We were



also provided orientation services and referred to the different government settlement providing agencies, we felt like we were home right away”.

For the 2023 – 2024 school year, One World...One Centre began welcoming families at Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre during the summer, with close to 1,000 students from six continents across the world. The initial contact with new families creates the first home-school connection with the families. One World...One Centre staff collect background information from the families, which allows them to set up an appointment to meet with an Intercultural Worker who not only speaks their language but understands their cultural background and their needs as a newcomer to Canada. In addition, to registering the families, ECSD staff complete student language assessments using the Alberta Education EAL Proficiency Benchmarks,

including listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills to inform programming at the school.

A warm welcome is not just in words but in actions as well. A recent newcomer shared, “There’s nothing better than to be in a new country and find someone who speaks your language and understands your culture at a place where your children’s future will be deeply influenced”. Every newcomer stepping through the doors of the One World, One Centre receives a backpack with school supplies generously provided by United Way. Additionally, each student receives a drawstring bag with a water bottle, lunch kit, and pencils with the ECSD logo, which assists in creating that initial sense of belonging to the ECSD community.



Not only do the One World...One Centre staff support the reception, orientation, and registration process, they continue to support students and their families through interpretation, communication both at school and outside of school, cultural brokering, referrals to other organizations and agencies, parent sessions, school presentations, and forming partnerships with various organizations to provide in and after-school programs with cultural, academic, recreation, and mentorship components. It’s not just about succeeding academically; it’s about thriving in every aspect of life. Families want to preserve cultural heritage while adapting to a new way of life and maintaining a sense of continuity in their lives.

As immigration rates continue to rise, Edmonton Catholic Schools reaffirm their commitment to welcoming families with open arms. It is not merely a matter of administrative processes; it is a heartfelt endeavor to ensure that these newcomers feel valued, appreciated, and empowered to succeed in their new school community.

For more information for families new to Canada, please check out www.ecsd.net and under Supporting Students, you will find more details in the One World...One Centre Section.

We recognize that for our children to be successful, families need to be supported as they settle in the Edmonton Catholic School Division.



Resources for GrACE Members

[2023-2024 GrACE Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful \(see end of newsletter\)](#)

GrACE resources available on the GrACE website :
ccssa.ca/grateful-advocates-for-catholic-education2

Mark Your Calendars

October 13-15, 2023
Braiding Together 2023

Braiding Together 2023 is an in-person event hosted by the Religious and Moral Education Council (RMEC), for Teachers and Leaders and all those seeking to deepen their response to the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission by engaging in authentic and intentional dialogue to deepen awareness of the rich history and current realities of Indigenous Peoples across the nation.

November 05, 2023
Catholic Education Sunday

Catholic School Districts' Publications

- † [Calgary Catholic School District](#)
- † [Redeemer Revelations](#)

Upfront with the Archbishop

Upfront with Archbishop Smith is a weekly podcast where we seek to bridge the gap between the hierarchy and the faithful by discussing the beauty, truth, and challenges of our Catholic faith.

A new episode is released every Tuesday. Subscribe on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or wherever you listen to podcasts! Our own “made in Alberta” Catholic podcast! Check it out!



GrACE Says Thank You...

Special thank you to the dedicated GrACE volunteers for their tireless efforts to support the work of GrACE. You are SO appreciated by us all!



Michelle Collette
GrACE Treasurer



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GrACE Instagram
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Grant Gay
GrACE Facebook
Administrator

Further Opportunities to Volunteer

Student Volunteers are warmly invited to represent their School in GrACE's social media campaign; GrACE's new outreach and GrACE's database development.

All thoughts on how we can better utilize technology platforms to ensure even more timely communication channels between and within the wider Catholic Education Family and beyond gratefully received.

Please email gracedirector7@gmail.com to express interest and suggestions.

Celebrate Catholic Education Catholic Education Sunday — November 5

Catholic Education Sunday, November 05, 2023, is a day for prayer, reflection and solidarity, emphasizing the significance of Catholic Education.

Publicly funded Catholic Education in Alberta is a unique and cherished historical gift for which we are all grateful. It is an invaluable offering to both the Catholic Community and wider society, carrying growing responsibility in an increasingly secular world.

Catholic Schools provide an education that goes beyond academic subjects and fosters character development, empathy, and compassion.

Providing exceptional educational opportunities that integrate faith; academic excellence and service to the community, Parents; Teachers and Catholic Educators; School Administrators; Trustees and Clergy create an enriching transformative experience for Students within the Catholic Education System.

Dedicated to nurturing the spiritual; intellectual and social growth of all Students in Catholic Schools, Catholic Educators contribute to the continued growth and success of Catholic Education, preparing students to become compassionate and capable individuals who positively impact society.

With the evolving landscape of Education, it is increasingly important to celebrate Catholic Schools and to extol those aspects that have made the Catholic Schools and Education system influential and valued throughout Alberta and beyond.

Catholic news in Alberta and Beyond Farewell

As part of GrACE and the Catholic Education Movement, we bid farewell to a leader of excellence, Eldon Wyatt, Executive Director, ACSTA who has left a lasting impact on GrACE by his dedication; leadership and the powerful way He has lived out his Faith. As Eldon embarks upon the next phase of his life journey, we express appreciation for his contribution to the success of GrACE and wish him well on his new path, safe in the knowledge that he will find new opportunities to guide and share his wisdom. I am especially honoured to have worked directly with Eldon who has been a beacon of inspiration and a privilege for me to know. Blessings; much love and best wishes, Eldon from everyone involved with GrACE.



Catholicism Makes Everything Interesting

Dr. Salkeld is a theologian with the Archdiocese of Regina, and author of the book 'Educating for Eternity: A Teacher's Companion to Making Every Class Catholic'. For a sample of the exciting content to come, take some time to read his latest article published in [Church Life Journal here](#).

Short Series on the Origins of the Separate Catholic School System

Mr. Brett Fawcett of Elk Island Catholic Schools Division launches his short series on the origins of the separate Catholic school system, beginning with Regiopolis College in Kingston, Ontario!



From the article: "I'm convinced that the reason many people are apathetic about the existence of separate schools—and the reason some people passionately want them all shut down—is because of simple historical ignorance about why that provision exists."

Social Media from around the Province...



Christ the Redeemer Catholic School Division

August 29 at 4:19 PM · 🌐

CTR Catholic welcomed 41 new teachers to the CTR family this week! The teachers gathered for two days of learning and orientation. On the final day, CTR staff extended a traditional farewell blessing to the teachers as they look ahead to welcoming students to the classroom next week. 🙌



Elk Island Catholic Schools Division

August 29 at 7:06 PM · 🌐

Between a beautiful performance of our division theme song by Holy Spirit students, a homily delivered by Archbishop Richard Smith, recognition of the student who designed our Go Light Our World logo, and an inspiring and challenging keynote speech from Father Leo, we had an incredible Opening Day for EICS staff today!

A well known chef, Father Leo also presented an afternoon session to our senior administration and EICS Board of Trustees as he related the art of cooking to... [See more](#)



Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association

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Thank you to NDP Education Critic [Rakhi Pancholi](#) for meeting with our Executive Committee to discuss Alberta's publicly-funded Catholic education system! [#IBeli...](#) [See more](#)

2023–2024 GrACE Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful

Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful for September 2023

- † For all students and families in Catholic education: For a safe and fruitful school year, we pray to the Lord
- † For Catholic Education: that our year of “Walking Together in Catholic Education” may be rooted in the synodal practices of listening, dialogue and discernment, we pray to the Lord
- † For clergy and school staff: For love and grace to serve Catholic education with humility and zeal, we pray to the Lord
- † For trustees who have been entrusted with the sacred gift of Catholic education, for their wisdom and their leadership, we pray to the Lord

Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful for October 2023

- † For Catholic Education: That our Blessed Mother may wrap all children in her mantle of love and bring them ever closer to her Son, we pray to the Lord.
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- † For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may nurture the growth of wisdom and virtue in the young, we pray to the Lord.
- † For Catholic education: For unity and solidarity within our communities and province, we pray to the Lord

Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful for December 2023

- † For Catholic education: that during this season of Advent we may prepare our heart, minds and lives to welcome the Baby Jesus

- † For Catholic teachers: that their witness to hope in the Lord will be manifest daily, we pray to the Lord
- † For Catholic education: That each one of our Catholic school districts will seek to build Bethlehem in our schools and our hearts, we pray to the Lord
- † For Catholic education: The JOY may be manifest in our every word, action and thought, we pray to the Lord

Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful for January 2024

- † For Catholic Education: That as a new year begins, we may choose Christ and embrace the spiritual practices of our Catholic faith, we pray to the Lord.
- † For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may inspire students to a life of love and service, we pray to the Lord.
- † For Catholic Education: That the teachers in our Catholic schools may be strengthened for their important task in our world, we pray to the Lord.
- † For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may celebrate the richness of the Catholic faith that we have inherited, we pray to the Lord.
- † For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may nurture the growth of wisdom and virtue in the young, we pray to the Lord.

Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful for February 2024

- † For Catholic education: for unity and a true desire to seek the will of God, we pray to the Lord
- † For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may show the love of God in the world, we pray to the Lord.
- † For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may fill students with a love for learning and a desire to change the world for the better, we pray to the Lord.
- † For Catholic Education: That the teachers in our Catholic schools may be strengthened for their important task in our world, we pray to the Lord.

Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful for March 2024

- † For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may make known God’s plan for all creation, we pray to the Lord.
- † For Catholic Education: That the leaders of our Catholic schools may be encouraged and comforted in the love of God, we pray to the Lord.
- † For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may always receive their identity from the teachings of Christ Jesus, we pray to the Lord.
- † For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may be a place of healing and safety in a hurting world, we pray to the Lord.

2023–2024 GrACE Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful Continued

Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful for April 2024

- † That during this most Holy Week, our Catholic schools will be places of prayer, reflection, penance and faith, we pray to the Lord
- † Alleluia! Alleluia! That our students, staff, families, leaders and community will rejoice in the Risen Lord, we pray to the Lord.
- † For Catholic Education: that hope in the risen Lord abounds in our hearts, our homes and our schools, we pray to the Lord
- † For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may be a blessing to families through their work with the young, we pray to the Lord.



Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful for May 2024

- † For Catholic Education: That as Albertan's select their provincial government that decisions will be made to protect Catholic education, we pray to the Lord.
- † For Catholic Education: That our Blessed Mother may wrap all children in her mantle of love and bring them ever closer to her Son, we pray to the Lord.
- † For Catholic Education: That during our celebrations of Catholic education Week in Alberta, we may continue "Courage to Lead" with unity and common vision, we pray to the Lord
- † For Catholic Education: the love of the Rosary and devotion to the Virgin Mary may thrive within our Catholic schools, we pray to the Lord
- † For Catholic education: in gratitude for the gift of publicly funded Catholic education, we pray to the Lord



Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful for June 2024

- † For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may reveal the glory of God in all that they do, we pray to the Lord.
- † For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may be always able to draw excellent and faith-filled teachers to serve in the classroom, we pray to the Lord.
- † For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may celebrate the richness of the Catholic faith that we have inherited, we pray to the Lord.
- † For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may be a source of hope for the young, we pray to the Lord.

