



Special GrACE Newsletter – Catholic Education Week– May 2022

You are invited....to celebrate Catholic Education Week 2022. Across Alberta and in each Catholic school district, Catholic Education Week is recognized with uniting prayer events and specific actions. Join us. Share with others. Invite. Rebuild, restore, renew together! Included in this special edition are all the links and information you need to celebrate Catholic education in your school, community and home. Please join us.



Rebuilding, restoring and renewing at SPICE & Blueprints 2022

Faith formation with @EvergreenCSSD leadership at #Blueprints2022 and #DavidWells. “You are good people, you have worked hard, you loved your family - it is enough.” #ChristBesideUs #IBelieveinCatholicEd #ArtofAccompaniment #ecssdHOPE



ACSTA @ACSTANews · May 5

Our ACSTA Board Directors at the 2022 Excellence in Catholic Education Awards! #Blueprints2022 #abed #IBelieveinCatholicEd @GrACE4cathed



5 Marks in 5 Days

Each day of CEW we recognize the 5 Marks of Catholic Education. Through pictures, education and social media one of the 5 marks of Catholic education will be the focus of the day. The 5 Marks of Catholic education have been widely embraced throughout Alberta as a meaningful way to describe and acknowledge the unique and distinct nature of Catholic education. What makes Catholic schools different? The 5 Marks of a Catholic School.

ACTION- Learn about the 5 Marks of a Catholic School. Be intentional in ensuring that they are visible and thriving in your Catholic school. Recognize and celebrate the 5 marks. Educate your stakeholders. Pray.

A number of resources are available for those seeking a deeper understanding of the 5 Marks of a Catholic School:

- † [Growing Forward](#)
- † [The 5 Marks of a Catholic Teacher](#)
- † [The 5 Marks of a Catholic Leader](#)
- † [GrACE- The 5 Marks of a Catholic School Presentation](#)
- † [Daily Prayers for each of the 5 Marks- created by RDRCS](#)

Daily Reflections on Catholic Education — the Bishops of Alberta

We are blessed in Alberta to have five active, supportive and prayerful bishops who unequivocally shepherd Catholic education through their leadership, service and unwavering commitment.

Each day of Catholic Education Week, one of Alberta’s bishops will read the Gospel of the Day and then share a reflection and message for Catholic education. The links to these pre-recorded messages have been included in this document and are available on the GrACE website.

Friday, May 27, at 10:00AM, Bishop McGrattan of the Diocese of Calgary will lead a virtual mass to close our week of Catholic education celebrations. The mass will be hosted by Calgary Catholic School District. The link is provided [here](#) and on the GrACE website.

ACTION- Pray daily with Alberta’s Bishops. Schedule a time for your students, families and stakeholders to participate in reflection and prayer for Alberta’s Catholic Schools. See **CEW schedule below** for links to each pre-recorded Gospel and reflection as well as the virtual Mass.

World Catholic Education Day

May 26, 2022

Every year, 40 days after Easter on Ascension Thursday, Catholics across the globe give thanks for the gift of Catholic education through the celebration of World Catholic Education Day. Catholic education has served nations for centuries through teaching students in their faith. World Catholic Education Day is a time for Catholics around the world to take a moment to pause, reflect and pray on the gift that is Catholic education. All are invited to wear blue in support of Catholic education across the globe.

ACTION- Wear blue. Promote. Take pictures, post and share. Invite your community to celebrate Catholic education.

Unite in Prayer

[Letter from the Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories for Catholic Education Week \(English\)](#)

[Letter from the Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories for Catholic Education Week \(French\)](#)

[Message from Archbishop Smith for Catholic Education Week](#)

GrACE Summit 2022

The third annual GrACE Summit will be held in Calgary on May 30. As we conclude Alberta’s week of celebrating Catholic education, advocates are invited to gather, learn, meet each other, build community and be inspired, invigorated and emboldened to move forward in support of Catholic Education!

ACTION- [Register for the Summit](#) and invite others to join you. Registration closes **May 20**.

Catholic Education Week (CEW) — May 23–27, 2022

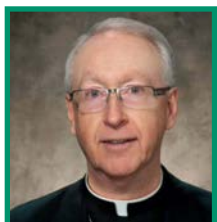
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Holiday. Victoria Day.			World Catholic Education Day Provincial Day of Prayer	
No School.				
Mark 1 Created in the Image of God	Mark 2 Catholic Worldview	Mark 3 Faith Permeation	Mark 4 Witness	Mark 5 Community
Pre-recorded Gospel and reflection: Archbishop Smith, Archdiocese of Edmonton Audience- Special message for educators.	Pre-recorded Gospel and reflection: Archbishop Motiuk, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmon Audience- Students and community	Pre-recorded Gospel and reflection: Archbishop Pettipas, Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan Audience- Students and community	Pre-recorded Gospel and reflection: Bishop Terrio, Diocese of St. Paul Audience- Students and community	10:00 AM Virtual Mass with Bishop McGrattan, Diocese of Calgary- hosted by CCSD
Archbishop Smith’s Message	Bishop Motiuk’s Message	Archbishop Pettipas’ Message	Bishop Terrio’s Message	Mass Link

Meet Alberta's Catholic Education Family

Catholic Education in Alberta serves more than 183,000 students in 450 schools. There are 17 Catholic School Districts in our province as well as four Francophone districts and one public board that offer Catholic education in designated schools.

Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories

The bishops are successors of the apostles, chief teachers, sanctifiers and shepherds of God's people. There are four Roman Catholic dioceses in the province of Alberta and one in the Northwest Territories, as well as one Ukrainian Catholic diocese (called an eparchy) that covers both Alberta and NWT. Alberta's bishops are highly supportive of Catholic education and are intimately connected to the work of our schools.



Archbishop Richard Smith
Archdiocese of Edmonton



Bishop William McGrattan
Diocese of Calgary



Archbishop Gerard Pettipas
Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan



Bishop Paul Terrio
Diocese of St. Paul



Bishop David Motiuk
Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton



Bishop Jon Hansen
Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith

Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association

The Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association represents Catholic trustees in Alberta, Northwest Territories and Yukon. The mission of ACSTA is to celebrate, preserve, promote, and enhance Catholic education with a core purpose committed to providing a unified voice and spiritual and political leadership for publicly funded Catholic education.



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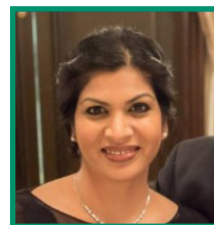
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Executive Assistant

Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta

The Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta is a community of disciples leading and building Catholic education. As lead educators in service of children and communities in Alberta, CCSSA provides a provincial perspective, discusses and initiates direction, and communicates the reason for Catholic Education and its value to society.



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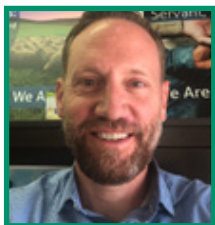
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Religious Education Network

The Religious Education Network (REN) exists as a community of Religious Education leaders who advance and promote Catholic Education through professional learning, faith formation and collaboration.



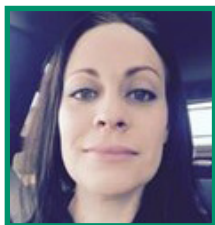
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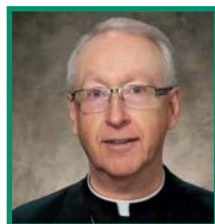


Michael Hauptman
Executive Director
of CCSSA



Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education (GrACE)

The mission of GrACE is to inspire, invigorate and embolden the spirit of Catholic education in order to unite, engage, educate and communicate with one voice on its behalf. GrACE was created in partnership with Alberta's Bishops, ACSTA and CCSSA and operates both provincially and locally to provide support to grassroots advocacy.



**Archbishop
Richard Smith**
Chair
Archdiocese of
Edmonton



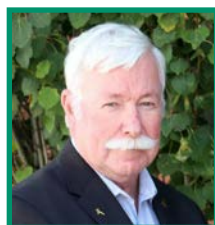
Dr. Bryan Szumlas
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Chief Superintendent,
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Member at Large
Diocese of St. Paul



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GrACE Newsletter

GrACE newsletter seeks to build a provincial Catholic community by celebrating Catholic education across Alberta.

Top Tips for Advocacy

We gratefully advocate for Catholic education every time we witness Catholic education at its best. When we authentically live the Gospel and create opportunities for our students, families and staff to encounter Jesus, we advocate for Catholic education.

As you and your GrACE group celebrate Catholic Education Week, be an advocate in your words and action. Be an advocate in your intentional efforts to ensure that the 5 Marks are alive and thriving in your Catholic school.

As this school year draws to a close; rebuild, restore and renew your GrACE group:

1. Invite new members representing all stakeholders to your meetings and GrACE group
2. Share the Catholic nature of your schools at every opportunity
3. Reach out to those within your community and outside your circle to educate them on Catholic education
4. Learn more about the provincial Catholic education family that you are part of
5. Set a date and develop an agenda for your first GrACE Group meeting of the fall

Catholic School Districts' Publications

- † [Calgary Catholic School District](#)

Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful for June

For Catholic Education:

- † That our Catholic schools may reveal the glory of God in all that they do, we pray to the Lord.
- † That the teachers in our Catholic schools may be strengthened for their important task in our world, we pray to the Lord.
- † That our Catholic schools may celebrate the richness of the Catholic faith that we have inherited, we pray to the Lord.
- † That our Catholic schools may inspire students to a life of love and service, we pray to the Lord.
- † That our Catholic schools may be a source of hope for the young, we pray to the Lord.

Connect Online

We ask you to help us celebrate Catholic education in Alberta. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter. Post your pictures and tag us so we can share them and celebrate too. Thanks for being a grateful advocate in support of Catholic education!

- † GrACE Twitter address is [@GrACE4cathed](#)
- † GrACE email is gracedirector7@gmail.com
- † GrACE Facebook address is www.facebook.com/GrACE4cathed
- † [GrACE website](#)

Social Media from around the province...

 **Jody Seymour** @JodySeymour1 · May 6

We are good people. We love our families and we are enough. 🙏🥰❤️
David Wells is a gift.
An unforgettable Blueprints filled with love, sharing, prayer, tears and lots of joy! #IBelieveinCathEd @FMCS



 **St. Jerome School** @stjerome_ccsd · May 6

As we enter the month of May let us be reminded to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. @CCSD_edu @CCEF_YYC @GrACE4cathed



St. Isidore CCSD @stisidoreccsd · May 4

During the Easter season, the Grade 6s were challenged to create an Easter scene in their house or on their window. They discussed ways they could incorporate their faith with their symbols. Look at the beautiful results!

sacredheart_wet · Follow
Covenant Bay Bible Camp

sacredheart_wet What a beautiful day of faith and fun at Covenant Bay on Pigeon Lake 🌸. Recharged and ready for May and June!

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37 likes
7 DAYS AGO

Log in to like or comment.

ACSTA @ACSTANews · Apr 29

This morning, those on retreat at SPICE had the chance to participate in a prayer walk to begin the day - offering up personal intentions to Our Lady of the Rockies, and the opportunity to bask in the beauty of His creation. #SPICE2022 #IBelieveInCatholicEd

StMark_ccsd @StmarkC · Apr 29

Today was our school blessing; joined by so many amazing people to celebrate the staff & students of St Mark, & the beautiful building we now get to learn in. @CCSD_edu @shannoncook_yc @chabot4calgary @BryanSzumlas @Lorylovinelli @PamRath @prasadpandayyc @CJLodermeier @allimc456

Jackie Comartin @JackieComartin · May 4

Grateful for Mass this morning with @St_JohnXXIII staff. #bestwaytostarttheday

Mark Hickie @MPHickie · Apr 29

Started today's school day at @Ascension_CCSD with this beautiful prayer written by a Gr. 9 student. It's message was just what I needed to hear. So blessed to be an educator & administrator in a Catholic school in @CCSD_edu! 🙏❤️🇺🇸@GrACE4cathed #IBelieveInCatholicEd

God, for the people suffering physically we pray for them to heal and to find a way through all the pain.
For the people who suffer mentally everyday we pray they find happiness and comfort with those around them.
For the people struggling with work or school we pray they figure it out stress-free figure out
We pray that everyone can find their way through their lifetime with peace and love.
Thank you God for letting us live another day in this world -

By your ascension lord,
Deliver us
in sign of the cross again

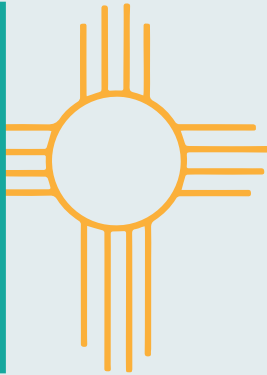


Third Annual GrACE Summit 2022

Catholic Education: Together

Turn us back to You, O Lord, and we will be restored; Renew our days as of old. —Lamentations 5:21

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:
**REBUILD
RESTORE
RENEW
TOGETHER**



As we rebuild, restore and renew together, all stakeholders in Catholic Education are invited to join the GrACE movement across Alberta to inspire, invigorate and embolden the spirit of Catholic education in our province.

Come.
Invite others.
Celebrate.
Spread the word.
See you there.

#iBelieveinCatholicEd

Monday, May 30
10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

10 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

St. James Church
5504 – 20 Street SW, Calgary

Gathering Mass with Bishop McGrattan and plenary session.

12:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

St. Leo Curriculum Centre, CCSD
6220 Lakeview Drive SW, Calgary

Breakout, sharing and listening session.
Lunch provided.



Registration

\$40 per person— includes lunch
Registration open March 28–May 20, 2022
Register here: studentquickpay.com/cssd/

*To register as a CCSD Guest, follow these 4 steps:

- 1) Create an account.
- 2) Select “Calgary Catholic Guests” on the Sign-Up page.
- 3) Select “Add guest.”
- 4) Select “Done.”

Hotels close by for those seeking overnight accommodations:

Comfort Inn & Suites South
Reservations: (403) 287-7070

Grey Eagle Resort & Casino
Reservations: 1.403.719.8777
Toll Free: 1.844.719.8777

**Super 8 by Wyndham
Macleod Trail Calgary**
Reservations: (403) 252-4401

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