



Feeling grateful!

✦ St. Henry School @StHenry_CCSD · Oct 11

We thank God for his many gifts. We hope everyone had a lovely Thanksgiving. @CCSD_edu



🌿 St. JPII Catholic @STJPIICATHOLIC · Oct 8

When you see all that Creator gifted us you know a life of gratitude.



This is thanksgiving.
#ecssdPEACE



Included in this edition—

- † Appreciation messages to Bishop Terrio
- † Catholic Education Sunday, November 6
- † Top Advocacy Tips

Catholic News in Alberta

 **Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary** @calgarydiocese · Oct 11
Priests from throughout the Diocese of Calgary gathered at the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies last week to further their formation. Fr. Tim Boyle shares some takeaways from the Study Days. catholicyyc.ca/blog/listen-is... #CatholicYYC



 **Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton** @archedmonton · Oct 5
Thank you to everyone who attended our first live recording of the Up Front with the Archbishop podcast hosted by @jennyc and @MJBods! Great questions. Look for it on Oct. 11 at caedm.ca/upfront.



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 Newsletter

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

Gratefully: Thank you Bishop Terrio

As Bishop Paul Terrio retires, GrACE extends sincere gratitude for his four years of service as a founding GrACE board member and for his exceptional advocacy for Catholic education in the diocese of St Paul and the province of Alberta. May God bless you in your retirement, Bishop Paul.

Richard W. Smith *Archbishop of Edmonton*

I offer my heartfelt thanks to Bishop Terrio for both his service to GrACE and his overall commitment to Catholic education. Himself an educator in the faith, Bishop Terrio thoroughly understands the value and importance of an authentically Catholic education for our young people. For this reason he gave himself with great energy to the development of Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ, and has been its most enthusiastic advocate. His wonderful support of Catholic education in the province of Alberta will be greatly missed. Together with my brother Bishops, I thank him for his fruitful episcopal ministry and pray for God's abundant blessings upon him as he enters retirement.

Dr. Scott Morrison *Superintendent, CTR Catholic*

Working on the provincial GrACE Board with Bishop Terrio was a pleasure. His quiet wisdom, advocacy, and gentle guidance were always valued at the Board table. When he spoke, we all listened. I pray God will bless Bishop Terrio abundantly in his retirement.

Living Waters CCSD

On behalf of Living Waters Catholic Schools, the Board of Trustees, the staff and students of our Living Waters Schools would like to thank his Grace, Bishop Terrio, for his presence during confirmation and at the openings and blessings of our new schools in Whitecourt. Bishop Terrio has been a strong advocate for our Catholic Schools and has always demonstrated a willingness to share his wisdom and knowledge when we are seeking his perspective in relation to questions and challenges that we encounter as Catholic Schools. Thank you!

Lakeland Catholic School Division

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.
—John 10:14.

Bishop Terrio, throughout your life you have exemplified shepherd leadership in your unceasing efforts for Catholic education. Through your prayers, ministry, and religious education, students, staff and families have the opportunity to experience Christ. Thank you for your accompaniment. Congratulations and God Bless your retirement.





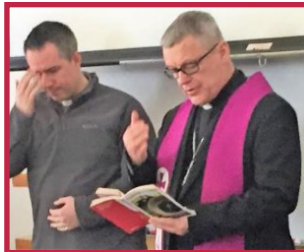
Calgary Catholic School District

On behalf of the Calgary Catholic School District, we thank and congratulate Bishop Terrio for many years of faithful service. Thank you for being an advocate and champion for Catholic Education. We wish you all the best in retirement. Please know that you will be in our prayers. Soon your idea of a GrACE bumper sticker will be a reality! Peace.

Vince MacDonald

Trustee, Lakeland Catholic Schools

Bishop Terrio, we thank you for your commitment to our Grace committee and Catholic Education in Alberta. We hope you enjoy your retirement and we will see you around the Lakeland area. Maybe we can go for a coffee sometime. God bless and keep you in the palm of his hand.



Natasha MacArthur-Poole

Superintendent, Fort McMurray Catholic Schools

The entire Fort McMurray Catholic Schools family is eternally grateful for the time we have had with Bishop Terrio. He has been steadfast in his support of Catholic Education and always taken pride in attending and leading many school Masses. Bishop Terrio has travelled to Fort McMurray numerous times for first communions, community Masses, anniversaries, and graduation celebrations. Bishop Terrio's commitment and dedication to Catholic Education will always be admired in our eyes. We wish him well in retirement and he will be in our prayers.

Dr. Clint Moroziuk

Superintendent, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools is grateful for Bishop Terrio's leadership and service over the years. He has supported our division and our schools through his shepherd leadership and spiritual accompaniment. We are appreciative of his ongoing willingness to celebrate with Division staff whenever called upon. We will miss his insight and wisdom, and offer our sincere blessings to Bishop Terrio as he officially retires. We know that his light will continue to shine brightly as he embarks on this next stage in his life.

Dr. Bonnie Annicchiarico

Director, GrACE

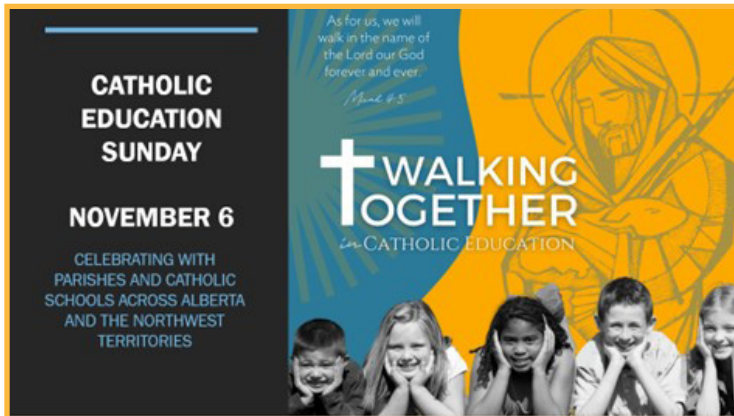
Bishop Terrio, you are a founding member and have been a constant companion these past four years of GrACE. Your wise counsel, your tireless prayers and your enthusiastic promotion of Catholic education are unparalleled. Your standards for Catholic schools are high, but you have never sent us off with a task you weren't willing to do yourself.

You have led from the front. You are the ultimate shepherd leader. You have been an integral witness and promoter of GrACE and the entire province gives you thanks.

On a personal note, Bishop Paul, never underestimate the power of your kind words and encouragement, whether face to face and or email, acknowledging the goodness and good work of others. You have assured me that you will continue "unofficially" in your grateful advocacy for Catholic education. Thank you.



Catholic Education Sunday Mark Your Calendars



Thank you to the Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories for the Pastoral letters celebrating Catholic Education Sunday in Alberta. We invite you to read and share these letters with friends, family and your community

[Bishops' Pastoral Letter- Catholic Education Sunday 2022- English](#)

[Bishops' Pastoral Letter- Catholic Education Sunday 2022- French](#)

Top Advocacy Tool Kit Tips

- 1. Educate**
Tell your Catholic school district/school's story of Catholic education.
- 2. Engage**
Provide 15 minute "round table" discussion topics on Catholic education at each school council meeting. Meeting #1: Why did you choose Catholic education for your child? Meeting #2: In what ways do you see our faith alive and vibrant in our school? How could we do better?
- 3. Unite**
Gather/renew your local GrACE group and develop a plan for 2022-2023. See the [GrACE template](#) for planning.
- 4. Communicate**
Intentionally take pictures of faith in action in your schools. Feature the pictures that are specific to Catholic education. Post on social media and share in newsletters and presentations.

Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful for November 2022

- † 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 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 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

Blog Links from ACSTA

Read and share these articles on Catholic education with YOUR stakeholders!

- † [Catholic Schools as Places of Openness, Respect and Freedom- Fr. Adrian Martens](#)
- † [2022-23 Catholic Education Theme: Walking Together in Catholic Education](#)
- † [The Wisdom of the World- Dr. Dean Sarnecki](#)
- † [The Identity of the Catholic School for a Culture of Dialogue- Bishop William McGrattan](#)
- † [Walking Together in Catholic Education- Dr. Bonnie Annicchiarico](#)

Catholic School District's Publications

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

Connect Online

We ask you to help us celebrate Catholic education in Alberta. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. 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 Facebook address is www.facebook.com/GrACE4cathed
- † Twitter: [@GrACE4cathed](https://twitter.com/GrACE4cathed)
- † Instagram: [@grace_advocate_for_catholic_ed](https://www.instagram.com/grace_advocate_for_catholic_ed)
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Catholic Education News in Alberta

East Central Catholic

Submitted by Kelly Ehalt, Deputy Superintendent

East Central Alberta Catholic School Division recognized the Grand Opening of St. Thomas Aquinas school in Provost, AB. Thanksgiving came early when on October 6th, stakeholders of the school community gathered with grateful hearts to celebrate the opening of a modern, state-of-the-art facility. It was an honour to have many notable dignitaries and guests celebrate the day with us. The overall message for the day focused on the God-given gift of Catholic education.

Both, His Grace, Archbishop Smith, and Honourable Minister of Education, Adriana LaGrange, shared messages about giving thanks for the tremendous blessing of Catholic Education in Alberta. The grade 1-4 student choir stole the show with their performance of "Priceless Treasure," and there was much joy and enthusiasm throughout the entire event. Thankful prayers were bestowed amongst the tradespeople, architects, Alberta Infrastructure, Alberta Government, Alberta Education, and the many design teams for the project's labour and dedication.

There is no doubt that the school division and community of Provost have much to be thankful for. The new school provides a sacred, loving, safe and kind space where students can grow and flourish. The new facility has many naturally lit areas with bright colours and unique architectural highlights and designs that communicate the presence of the Holy Trinity.

The history of STA's excellence will continue and thrive in this new facility, and we look forward to the beginning chapters of this new facility's many possibilities. St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School is a space where parents, students, and staff can proclaim the Good news, learn together, play together, and bring about a positive change in the world. Congratulations, STA!



Arise & Shine: A Celebration of the Arts in Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

After a dearth of opportunities to perform over the last three years due to COVID, a large contingency of Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's students and staff gathered on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at the Catholic Central High School East Gym to share their artistic talents with one another.

The art walk and concert was well attended by families and audience members both in-person and online, and proved to be an amazing display of the talents of staff and students from Catholic Central High School, Ecole St. Mary, Father Leonard Van Tighem School, St. Francis Junior High School, St. Joseph School (Coaldale), St. Patrick Fine Arts School, and St. Paul School.



"We are really seeing a renewal in the fine arts after the events of the past 3 years," states Danielle Christensen, a Catholic Central High Music Teacher and one of the event's primary organizers. "It felt really fitting to celebrate this renewal by coming together in spiritual unity and relationship."

Aligning with the division's Faith Plan, the event's name - "Arise & Shine" - was drawn from the scripture of Isaiah: 'Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.' (Isaiah 60:1)

Superintendent Ken Sampson notes how appropriate and wonderful it was to see the students and staff of the school division live out the precise intent of this scripture. "This was just a really wonderful evening," says Sampson. "Seeing our students and staff perform and shine, serving as a great source of light in our division and our community. It simply reminds us all of how blessed we all are."

All of the proceeds of the Arise & Shine Concert and Art-Walk will all be used to support the Santa's Anonymous project. Those wishing to see the online version of the concert are invited to [contact the school division to request access.](#)

[Click here for more information.](#)



John W. Costello Catholic School, CCSD

Submitted by Michelle Fatica, Kindergarten Teacher

Division 1 and ESII students at John Costello elementary (CCSD) read the book 'Beautiful Hands' by Kathryn Otoshi and created a mural of our handprints to remind us of our duty to love one another and have beautiful hands in all that we do. This is fitting with our district theme of agape love and service to others.

Holy Family Catholic Regional Division

Submitted by Kenny Trenton, Communications Coordinator

Holy Family Catholic Regional Division is pleased to share an interview conducted by our local radio station with our Indigenous Programming Coordinator, Charlene Noskey, about Orange Shirt Day. She even had a few words to say in Cree as well!

https://www.rivercountry.fm/orange-shirt-day-for-students-charlene-noskey/?fbclid=IwAR2idQOoI9JX1SHCNEh-Gehug1v394L4A5qTw6dmnQDt6yYj-ZF_ak1uyNSU%27

Holy Spirit Catholic Schools

Holy Spirit Catholic schools began their school year with a GrACE "Reboot" on September 29. Together they reflected on the history of GrACE provincially and within their district and are looking forward to renewing their advocacy efforts with teachers, parents and stakeholders.

Feedback from participants:

- † Thank you for the overview of the history of GrACE and factors that are contemporary challenges. The opportunity to speak in small groups allowed us to begin to formulate what next steps might be
- † GrACE is a definite part of our advocacy for Catholic education. It's a wonderful vehicle for sharing our stories, nourishing our enthusiasm and allowing hope to blossom
- † It was great information session to help us brainstorm.
- † We need to tell the stories of Catholic education.



October Month of the Rosary

Pope Benedict XVI in an address at the Basilica of St. Mary Major where he prayed the rosary with the faithful said:

“Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said. When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived. The various steps of Christ’s mission are traced. With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. Christ is put at the centre of our life, of our time, of our city, through the contemplation and meditation of his holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow and glory. May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace emanating from these mysteries, so that through us we can “water” society, beginning with our daily relationships, and purifying them from so many negative forces, thus opening them to the newness of God. The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the centre of each “Hail Mary”

Liturgical Year : October, Month of the Holy Rosary | Catholic Culture



Social Media from around the Province

St. Gregory the Great Catholic School
16h · 🌐

Today was a very special day for our grade 4's as they received their very own bible. We were so blessed to have Fr Simmy, Trustee LeGrange and Mrs Kelly join our celebration today to hand out bibles. #catholiceducation 🙏

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School
21h · 🌐

Grade 6 had an opportunity for some fun and learning in Chapel Time with Miss Jeannette Manser!

Terry Harris @terryharris · Oct 2

Happy to celebrate Mass today with Fr. Dean & the community of St. John Evangelist Parish, since schools in my Ward have a strong connection.

After Mass, I enjoyed a pancake breakfast hosted by the @KofC council, & served by students of @StRoseECSD. #ecsdfaithinspires #abed #yeg

Light of Christ Catholic School
3d · 🌐

A HUGE thank you to our student leadership team for organizing another successful food drive!

Holy Family School @HolyFamilyECSD · Oct 6

A wonderful Thanksgiving Celebration today was led by our 9B and 8B classes. Prayer, song, gratitude. We are blessed. We wish your families a joy-filled Thanksgiving 🍂🙏. #ecsdfaithinspires @EdmCathSchools

I am grateful for my family and friends, especially my son. I am grateful for the peace my faith brings to my life. I am blessed beyond measure.

RACHEL REID
Principal - Ecole Notre Dame Elementary

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Mrs Justine Wright @MsWrightReads · Oct 5
 Thankful to the 33 of mainly students (and staff) who joined online today at lunch to pray the Rosary. #HolyRosaryMonth
 #bettertogetherEICS @GrACE4cathed @silc_eics @EICSCatholic @ChestertonSilc



FrancoSud @CSFrancoSud · 6h
 Nos conseillers scolaires ont eu l'honneur de recevoir Monseigneur McGrattan à souper hier soir.
 Ce fut une excellente occasion de discuter des projets en lien avec la catholicité qui ont lieux dans nos écoles catholiques!
 #franco #abed @calgarydiocese @ACSTANews @GrACE4cathed



St. Marguerite Catholic School @StMargueriteCat · 6h
 Wonderful to gather for our Grade 4 Bible Mass at Holy Trinity Parish. Thank you God for giving us your Word! #Blessed #ecssdPEACE



St. JPll Catholic @STJPICATHOLIC · 7h
 #ecssdPEACE
 Grade 4 Bible Mass celebrated this morning. Deacon Pat reminds us, "This is a love story between God and us." Receive the Word of God. Amen.
 @archedmonton



St. Angela School @8013stangela · Oct 3
 This is the day that the Lord has made! This morning we celebrated the grand opening and blessing of our new Outdoor Classroom! Thank you to Father Glenn, Knowledge Keeper Gary, @_terryharris, Superintendent Fiacco and other special guests for contributing to our day! #ECSD



St. Jerome School @stjerome_ccsd - Oct 7
 Ready for our Thanksgiving Liturgy. 🙌



East Central Catholic Schools @ecacs16 - Oct 7
 East Central Alberta Catholic would like to thank everyone who attended and helped out with St. Thomas Aquinas's grand opening in Provost.



PofPCCSD @PofPccsd · Oct 11

Grade 8Mcdonald created a replica of St Albert the Great parish for our tissue box challenge. #Faith #Hope #Love ❤️ #IBelieveinCatholicEd



St. John Bosco School @StJohnBoscoYEG · Oct 8

"In all created things discern the providence & wisdom of God, & in all things give Him thanks." St. Teresa of Avila @StJohnBoscoYEG

We give thanks everyday in person & via live stream for the abundance granted unto us. #Grateful for our staff who lead to make #SJBStrong



Holy Family Catholic Regional Division is at Our Lady of Peace Parish. 2d - Peace River, AB

Yesterday, we had the Recommissioning Mass for our Central Office, as well as staff from Glenmary School & Holy Family CyberHigh, Good Shepherd School and Holy Family School. We were excited to reconnect with friends, and most importantly, our faith!! God Bless! #IBelieveinCatholicEd #grace4catholiced



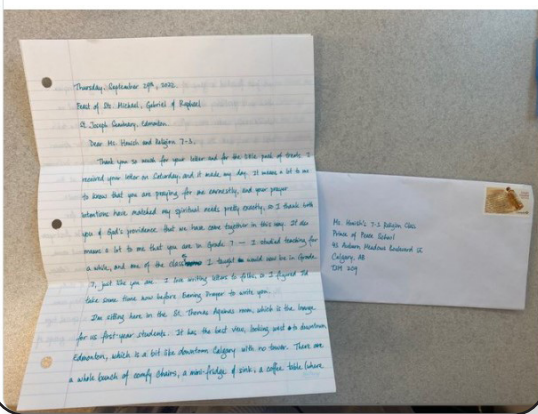
St. James CCSD @stjamesCCSD · Oct 12

Take a moment to Stop, Pause, Reflect, Be Present and Take Notice. GRATITUDE. Thanksgiving Mass at St. James Parish. Grateful for Father Eli, our Div. II choir, 5Herman and all staff who helped make our mass so meaningful. #IBelieveinCatholicEd @CCSD_edu



PofPCCSD @PofPccsd · Oct 7

Mrs Honish has paired up grades 7&8 classes to each adopt a seminarian this year. They have been praying once a week for them & wrote letters to support them. Today, they received a letter back from one seminarian #IBelieveinCatholicEd @CCSD_edu @GrACE4cathed



ESM @ESMhs4 · Oct 7

It was amazing to come together for our First in person Thanksgiving Celebration since Oct. of 2019! We prayed, we sang! The 2MI and 2/3PSI classes did an incredible job. It was so nice to welcome parents and grandparents. Happy Thanksgiving!

