



May the Month of Mary

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.



Hail Mary,
full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

*Student artwork from Calgary Catholic
School District*

Catholic School District's Publications

Enjoy some special Catholic School District publications and video in honour of CEW (Catholic Education Week)

- † [Living Waters Catholic Communiqué](#)
- † [Lakeland](#)
- † [Catholic Education Week 2023— Holy Spirit Catholic School Division](#)
- † [Greater St. Albert CEW Video](#)
- † [Calgary Catholic School District](#)

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!

- † Facebook: www.facebook.com/GrACE4cathed
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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.

Catholic Education Week

Pictures and highlights from Catholic education week will be featured in the June newsletter. However, in the spirit of Catholic Education Week, we invite you to get to know Alberta's Catholic Education Family.

Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories

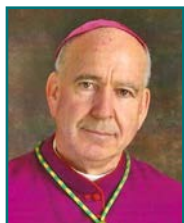
The bishops are successors of the apostles, chief teachers, sanctifiers and shepherds of God's people. There are four Roman Catholic dioceses in the province of Alberta and one in the Northwest Territories, as well as one Ukrainian Catholic diocese (called an eparchy) that covers both Alberta and NWT. 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 Gary Franken
Diocese of St. Paul



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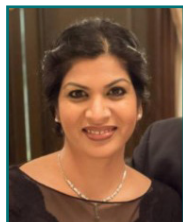
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Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association

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.

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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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. In 2019 GrACE was created in partnership with Alberta's Bishops, ACSTA and CCSSA and operates both provincially and locally to provide support to advocacy work at the district and grassroots level.



Members at Large



Bishop Gary Franken
Diocese of St. Paul



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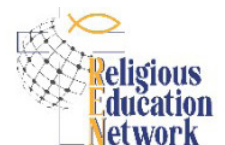
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(retiring June 2023)



In-coming Director Kate Mallon

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.



President Colin Loiselle
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Fourth Annual GrACE Summit

On May 12, 2023 GrACE and Edmonton Catholic School District hosted the fourth GrACE Summit at the beautiful Lumen Christi Centre. With more than 140 registrants from across the province, the day was a resounding success. Thank you to all speakers, organizers, ministries and participants.

Here are some picture highlights....





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.

Catholic News

[Finding peace in the Church - Catholic Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan \(archgm.ca\)](#)

Archbishop Smith's Podcast



Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton
 May 9 at 10:00 AM · 📍
 Are you anxious that your children aren't practicing their Catholic faith?
 How do we teach children to pray?

2023 Sherlock Lecture — St. Joseph's College

St. Joseph's College is hosting on May 31, 7:00 a FREE public lecture: "We live in Hope" by Fr. Dennis Holtschneider: Educator, Priest, former President of America's largest Catholic University, former COO of a Catholic Health Organization, and current President of the American Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

The 2023 Sherlock Lecture features guest speaker Fr. Dennis Holtschneider, C.M. Fr. Dennis is currently the President of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in the United States. We are indeed excited to invite you to join us as we listen to Fr. Dennis address the theme, "We live in Hope", a topic that is vital for our university campuses, our faith communities, and our global village.

[Registration link](#)



From Around the Province... Rosary Celebration for Red Deer Catholic Schools

Submitted by Jo-Ann Kelly, Religious Education and Curriculum Support Lead Teacher

On May 11, Red Deer Catholic School Division hosted a Rosary Celebration for grade 5 students. Local Knights of Columbus councils purchased the rosaries that were presented to all 740 grade 5 students in the division. Students were engaged in learning about the history and importance of the Holy Rosary and reflected on how they can say YES! to God, and live a life devoted to Jesus just as our blessed Mother Mary did.



Blessings for the Past & Present for CCSSA



Articles on Catholic Education

[Walking Together in Catholic Education - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY \(catholicycy.ca\) - Bishop McGrattan](#)

[The Five Traits of a Catholic Teacher \(acsta.ab.ca\) - Brett Fawcett - Elk Island Catholic Schools](#)

[Why Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools? Here's Why! - St. Albert Gazette \(stalbertgazette.com\)](#)

[Father Lacombe Catholic School celebrates grand opening - Lacombe Express](#)



Social Media from around the Province...

St. Mary Beaverlodge 2d · 🌐

Congratulations to Keltie, Nicka, Chloe, Brixton, Aubrey, Daylen, and Oliver on your First Holy Communion!

St. James CCSD @stjamesCCSD · 23h

Today, we celebrated our Marian Mass at St. James Parish with Father Eli. During his homily, Father Eli encouraged our students and staff to believe that anything can be accomplished when we put our trust in God. [#ibelieveincatholiced](#) @CCSD_edu @GrACE4cathed

StBasil @StBasil_CCSD · May 11

Beautiful Marian Liturgy prepared by 1B, 1M and 8C. Thank you to Father Jonathan for presiding. #maryourmother #happyothersday

Lina Kind @kind_mrs · 4h

What a great day in grade one. To get ready for Our Lady of Wisdom Feast day tomorrow we made our own Rosaries! We can't wait to pray the rosary with our buddy class tomorrow! @OLWchestermere @GrACE4cathed

St Clement Catholic School 2d · 🌐

Mrs. Langlois and her kindergarten class did a beautiful job presenting the Mary celebration today. 🙌 What wonderful readers, speakers, and singers, they all are. Also, they were super cute! 🥰❤️👏

STAR Catholic @STARCatholic

Parents! Tell us what you love about your child's Catholic school and you could win a dinner for two in celebration of Catholic Education Week! [#IBelieveInCatholicEd](#)

Full details on our website:

starcatholic.ab.ca
Win a dinner for two for Catholic Education Week!

Father Doucet School @frdoucet_ccsd · May 8
 Last week Miss Wise's grade 4 class led the school in praying the rosary together. #grACE #livingrosary #faith #ccsd



Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools
 2d · 🌐

Congratulations!



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 2d · 🌐

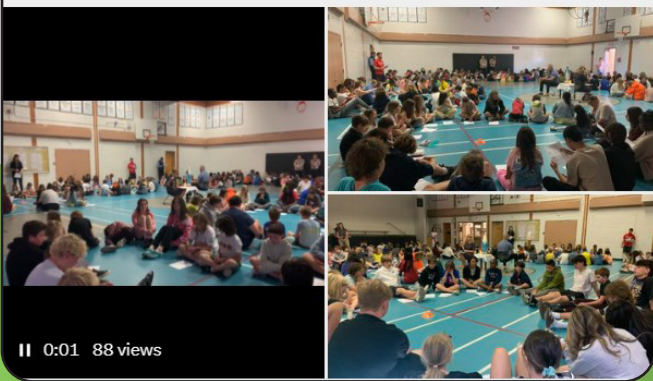
Congratulations!



St. Matthew Catholic School RMH
 3d · 🌐

Congratulations to our First Communion students! You all looked amazing this morning! May you continue to follow Jesus and receive his many blessings!

St. James CCSD @stjamesCCSD · May 2
 Today, together as a Catholic School Community, St. James staff and students prayed the Rosary and crowned our Mother Mary.
 @GrACE4cathed @CCSD_edu
[Show this thread](#)



Father Doucet School @frdoucet_ccsd · May 14
 The grade 1 class had a Marian liturgy on Friday. Mrs. Miller did a great job getting her students prepared for their beautiful sacred action.
 #GrACE #Ccsd



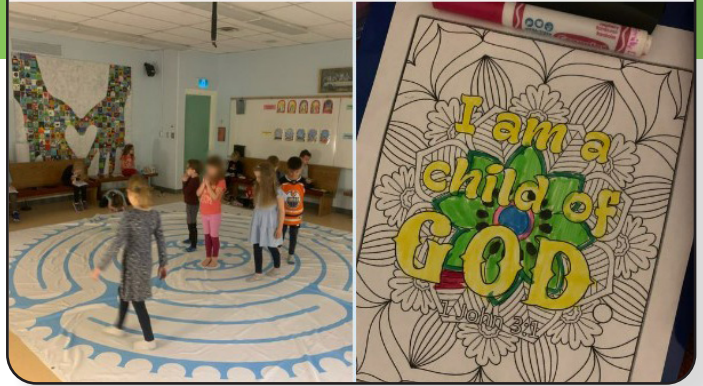
Danielle Kowalchuk @koolchuk · May 11

Our final flex day, such amazing learning and fun for our students. Proud to share our faith! Just one of the many opportunities today @StJohnBoscoYEG @GrACE4cathed @EdmCathSchools



Joclyn Beliveau @joclynbeliveau · Apr 28

Closing a beautiful week with some prayer and reflection, listening for God's voice @EICSCatholic @stncatholic @GrACE4cathed



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary @calgarydiocese · 14h

Hundreds gathered at Our Lady of Fatima Parish's Feast of Our Lady Mass last Saturday evening. Fr. Fabio DeSouza led the rosary prayer, followed by Mass, and candlelight procession, honouring the 106th anniversary of the Apparitions of Fatima. catholicyc.ca/blog/celebrati...



Maryview School @MaryviewSchool · Apr 30

First communion this afternoon!



St. Joseph's Collegiate · Follow

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Members of the Graduating Class of 2023 visited Orchard Manor last Friday as part of our 2023 Community Legacy Project. Graduates spent time with residents to spread some joy and give back to our community! #ClassOf2023 #SJCGivesBack





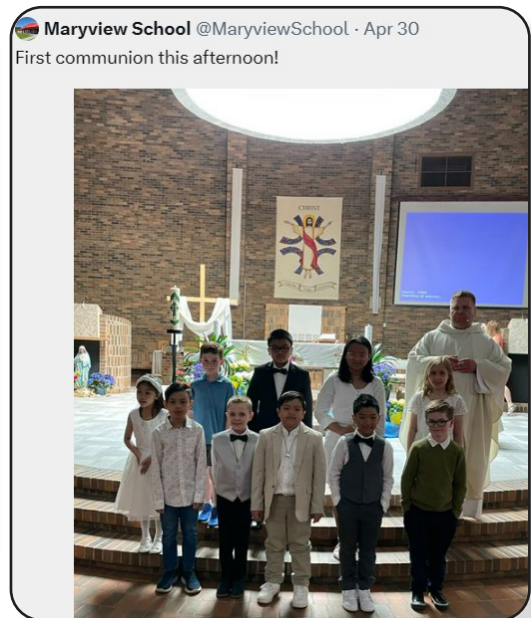
Maryview School
May 2 at 2:43 PM



St. Matthew Catholic School RMH
We were so happy and proud to honour and celebrate our St. Matthew's students who received their First Communion this past Sunday. God Bless!



Congratulations!
École Camille J. Lerouge School
2d
Congratulations to our students who received their First Communion this afternoon at St. Mary's. Félicitations!



Maryview School @MaryviewSchool · Apr 30
First communion this afternoon!



Father Lacombe Catholic School
1d
We are in the news!
LACOMBEEXPRESS.COM
Father Lacombe Catholic School celebrates grand opening - Lacombe Express



Why Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools? Here's Why!
stalbertgazette.com/spotlight/why-... via @stalbertgazette
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Why Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools? Here's Why!
Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools provides an outstanding education and a great head start for students. "Arise: Get up, Get ...

St. Mary Beaverlodge · Follow
 Apr 18 · 🌐

We were so blessed to have the Archbishop visit our school today. We began the day with mass and then Archbishop Pettipas... See more

Grace: Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education ...
 Apr 20 · 🌐

Catholic Education. We're "In it Together"! Post your picture! #IBelieveinCatholicEd

St. Joseph Catholic @joes4646 · May 1

Happy Feast of St. Joseph Day! We celebrated with a beautiful mass at Holy Trinity church. Many thanks to the parishioners and Fr. Joselito, Fr. Paul, and Deacon Wes for helping us in honouring our Patron Saint! #ecssdPEACE ❤️

ARCHBISHOP VISITS MT

Mother Teresa Catholic School Grande Prairie Alberta
 May 2 at 6:13 PM · 🌐

Thank you to Archbishop Gerard Pettipas for taking some time to come to visit staff and students at Mother Teresa yesterday!

