



"I love Catholic education because I want to follow Jesus."
- Allen, Grade 4



Catholic
Education
Sunday



Superintendent's Message



This year, our Division entered the first year of our new four-year faith plan: "Encounter God".

The spark of faith is lit through an encounter with God, who reveals himself to us in many ways. His deepest desire is to be in relationship with us: for each of us to come to know, love, and serve him. One of the gifts of faith is that the closer we grow to God, the more we clearly see Him revealed in our world. As we continue on our journey of faith, learning, and love (STAR Catholic vision statement), we encounter God in goodness, truth, beauty, and each other.

We are honoured to provide opportunities for our students to flourish and grow in their faith as they encounter God daily within the walls of our schools.

Publicly-funded Catholic education is a gift. Albertans are truly blessed with the option to send our children to Catholic schools where they learn, grow, and thrive surrounded by the love and warmth of Christ. Our school staff take pride in nurturing the growth of the whole person — not only intellectually and physically, but also spiritually, mentally, and socially.

We encourage you to join us as we continue to share the good news of Catholic education with those we encounter in our lives and communities. As Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education, we work to ensure our children can continue to enjoy the gift of publicly-funded Catholic Education for generations to come.

God Bless!

Charlie Bouchard
Superintendent

STAR Catholic Schools Division Profile

Vision: Souls seeking Christ on a journey of faith, learning and love

Mission: Rejoicing in the way of Christ, we nurture a love of learning in faith-filled Catholic schools!

- **12 schools** with more than **4,700 students** and **475 staff** serving **6 communities:** Beaumont, Drayton Valley, Lacombe, Leduc, Ponoka, and Wetaskiwin.
- **3 Board Priorities:** Grow and Affirm Catholic Identity; Staff are Supported in Their Learning; Support Students in Their Journey, Ensuring All are Successful Learners.
- **7 Board Trustees:** Jolyne De Marco, *Leduc*; Dawn Miller, *Leduc*; Henry Effon, *Wetaskiwin*; Liz Taylor-Sirois, *Beaumont*; Michael Linner, *Drayton Valley*; Donna Tugwood, *Lacombe*; and Marilyn Burke, *Ponoka*.