

May Newsletter

The Courage to Lead

From May 6-10, the province of Alberta, the Yukon, and Northwest Territories will celebrate Catholic Education Week; an opportunity to highlight the unique contributions and values of Catholic education, a time to recognize the dedication of teachers, administrators, and staff, and the occasion for the Catholic community to reflect on the importance of faith-based education.

This year, the theme for Catholic Education Week 2024, *Courage to Lead*, reminds us of the call to live and uphold the teachings of our Catholic faith, even in the midst of difficulties and trials. Parents are entrusted by God with the responsibility of imparting the values and principles of our faith within the hearts and minds of their children. Parents are the first and primary educators of the faith. But Catholic schools, too, offer a holistic approach, combining academic learning with moral and spiritual development.

Indeed, Catholic schools have the distinctive mission of integrating faith and reason, providing students with an education that not only challenges them academically but also nurtures the heart. Catholic schools educate the whole child - mind, body and soul, permeate the Catholic faith into all activities, curricular and extra-curricular, instill values such as compassion, empathy, and social responsibility, and foster within the children a sense of belonging and identity within the Catholic faith. It is our collective responsibility, thus, as the Christian faithful - home, school and parish - to be courageous in forming confident disciples of Jesus Christ.

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