

*We rise again
from ashes....*

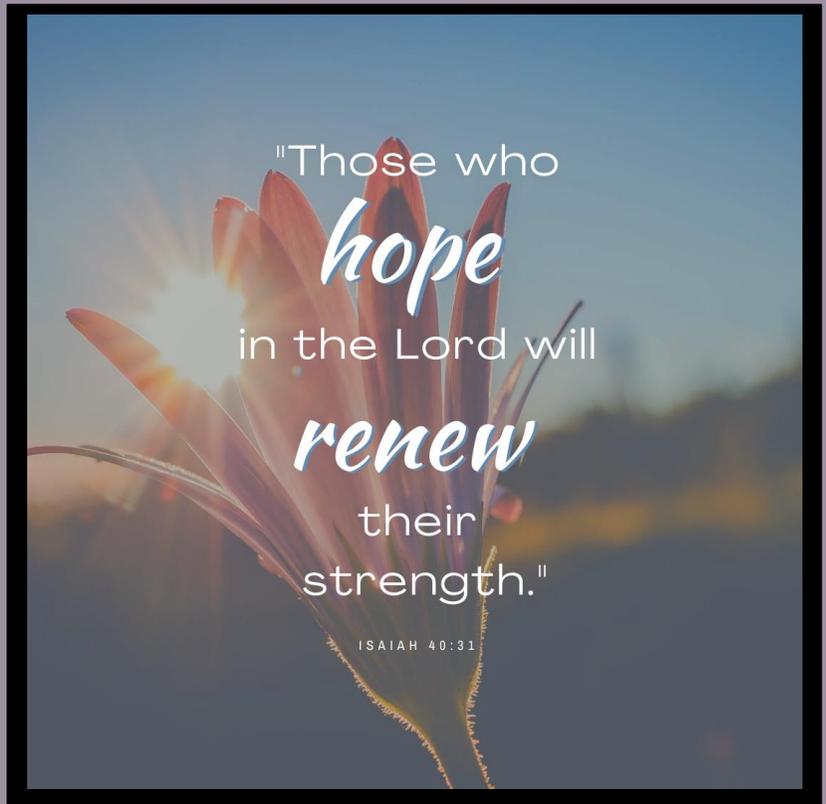


- ### Catholic Education Prayer Intentions for March
- That our Catholic schools may make known God's plan for all creation, we pray to the Lord.
 - That the leaders of our Catholic schools may be encouraged and comforted in the love of God, we pray to the Lord.
 - That our Catholic schools may always receive their identity from the teachings of Christ Jesus, we pray to the Lord.
 - That our Catholic schools may be a place of healing and safety in a hurting world, we pray to the Lord.

**March is social media
Blitz Month!!!**

Reaching our stakeholders and grassroots can best be done through social media. GrACE is active on Facebook and Twitter, but **We Need YOUR Help!**

- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter
- Ensure that every school, parish, diocese and Catholic district is following GrACE
- Ensure that Catholic lay groups (CWL, K of C, Couples for Christ, etc) follow us
- Tag us on Facebook when you post and we will share
- Encourage your constituents to follow GrACE and give them the tools to do so
- It takes a community to engage us all...please intentionally recruit and share on social media to activate our Catholic stakeholders
- We currently have **700+** followers on social media; our goal is **3000** by **March 31**
- Thank you for your advocacy!



2nd Annual Provincial GrACE Summit

Monday, April 19, 2021
12:30-3:30pm
Join us on zoom

Hosted by GrACE and
Elk Island Catholic Schools

Registration open March 22-April 12

Save the dates...

Catholic Education Week 2021 **May 10-14**
World Catholic Education Day **May 13**

Five Marks of a Catholic School -One Mark per day

○ Monday	Mark 1	Created in the image of God	May 10
○ Tuesday	Mark 2	Catholic Worldview	May 11
○ Wednesday	Mark 3	Permeation of Faith	May 12
○ Thursday	Mark 4	Gospel Witness	May 13
○ Friday	Mark 5	Spiritual of Communion	May 14

- Each day one mark will be highlighted on social media, including a video illustrating each mark.
- Catholic School Stakeholders are encouraged to share pictures and posts illustrating the mark of the day.
- The 5 Marks of a Catholic School presentation is available to anyone upon request:

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Medicine Hat Catholic Schools

CATHOLIC SCHOOL MYTHS & FACTS

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools warmly welcome children from all faith backgrounds, and children with no religious affiliations.

ABOUT CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Alberta is one of **3** provinces in Canada with publicly funded Catholic education.

180,000 students currently attend Catholic Schools in Alberta.

Catholic schools promote service as an essential component of our identity.

Catholic education in Alberta has been around for **159** years!

DIVISION PROFILE: 2769 Students currently attend Medicine Hat Catholic Schools.

6 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	143 TEACHERS
2 MIDDLE SCHOOLS	207 SUPPORT STAFF
1 HIGH SCHOOL	

Catholic schools are inclusive, welcoming communities where all students are cherished as gifts from God. Love, kindness and faith are the foundations of Catholic education!

MYTH: IT COSTS MORE MONEY TO ATTEND A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

REALITY: Catholic schools are publicly funded in the province of Alberta, there is no additional tuition to attend a Catholic school!

MYTH: MY FAMILY HAS TO BE CATHOLIC FOR MY CHILD TO ATTEND A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

REALITY: Medicine Hat Catholic Schools warmly welcome all children. You do not need to be Catholic to attend a Catholic school!

MYTH: MY CHILD MUST BE BAPTIZED TO ATTEND A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

REALITY: You do NOT need to be baptized to attend a Catholic school in Medicine Hat.

MYTH: MY CHILDREN DON'T KNOW ABOUT GOD - I AM CONCERNED THAT THEY WILL FEEL OUT OF PLACE

REALITY: Our Catholic schools provide a family like environment for all. Students are encouraged to ask questions and participate in religious activities in order to learn and grow their faith.

MYTH: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AREN'T INCLUSIVE

REALITY: Love, kindness and inclusion are central in the teachings of our Catholic faith. Diversity is welcome and encouraged in our schools!

LEARN MORE ABOUT MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

We know that choosing a school is a big decision. That's why we are inviting new families into our buildings to see what makes Catholic education so special.

Call your neighbourhood Catholic school to learn more or to book a private school tour!

403-527-2292 | www.mhcbce.ab.ca | @MHCatholic

Good Shepherd Catholic School @GoodShepherdYMM - Feb 18

@GoodShepherdYMM students learning the school mission

#LeadLikeAShepherd @FMCSD #lent #servantleadership

@TheLeaderInMe #weareFMCSD

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.

Catholic Education around the province...

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD SCHOOL STUDENT FAITH DAY EVENT

Chris Bray

Michael Chiasson

Thursday, March 18th, 2021

Dr. Bryan Szumlas

Sr. Madeleine Gregg

Chelsea Marshall

Fr. Avinash Colaco

Calgary City Teacher's Convention

The Spiritual Measures of Support through Prayer and Reflection to Cope with a Busy Life

Thursday, February 11, 10:45am

Mark Hickie

- 45-minute Video Presentation
- 15-minute Q & A Period

Calgary City Teachers' Convention February 11-12, 2021

Calgary Catholic Schools

Let today be the day you give up who you've been for you who can become.

Blind Ash Wednesday

Greater St Albert Catholic Regional District

Faith News for GRACE from GSACRD for GRACE - Feb. 2021

Our Division three-year faith theme is, "Arise! Get up, get going, and go with God."

With this theme we hope to inspire our students, staff and families to focus on the hope, optimism, peace and love that our faith offers, especially in difficult times. We are called to respond to the voice of Christ, but also to be Christ for others

To put this theme into action, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools has partnered with Edmonton's Catholic Social Services to offer opportunities for students to learn about Catholic Social Teachings, and to participate in Corporal Works of Mercy to better understand how and why to respond to the needs of others.

Through the division-wide Advent campaign in December, students, staff and families provided Christmas dinners and Christmas stockings (filled with gift cards) for at-risk youth, supported by Catholic Social Services. Through a variety of fun and engaging initiatives, schools encouraged their communities to fundraise for this Advent campaign, ensuring staff of CSS could provide a nice Christmas for the needy young people they serve.



Digging Deeper into Why Catholic Education is Important



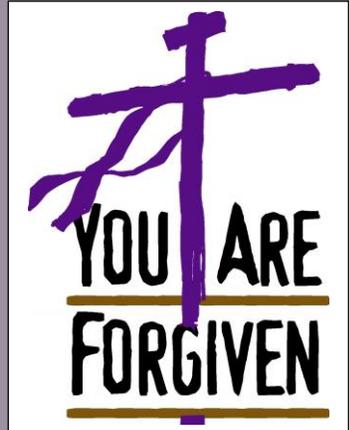
Join us as we continue our journey in advocating for Catholic Education.
Be inspired by words from:

Fr. Avinash Colaco, Pastor Ascension Parish
Dr. Bryan Szumlas, Chief Superintendent
Linda Wellman, Trustee
Dr. Bonni Annichiarico, GrACE Director Alberta



Gathering of Grace

Online > 10:00 am
Staff and Parents Welcome to Join



Red Deer Catholic @rdcrs · Feb 10

Lent is only seven days away! We have created a Lenten Family Activity Calendar to celebrate this liturgical season. Please share your photos and videos of you participating in these activities by using #rdcrslent #ibelieveincatholiced

LENTEN FAMILY ACTIVITY CALENDAR			WELLNESS WEDNESDAY	THOUGHTFUL THURSDAY	FAMILY FRIDAY	SHARING SATURDAY
February 17 Ash Wednesday	February 18 Thursday	February 19 Friday	February 20 Saturday	February 21 Sunday	February 22 Monday	February 23 Tuesday
February 24 Wednesday	February 25 Thursday	February 26 Friday	February 27 Saturday	February 28 Sunday	March 1 Monday	March 2 Tuesday
March 3 Wednesday	March 4 Thursday	March 5 Friday	March 6 Saturday	March 7 Sunday	March 8 Monday	March 9 Tuesday
March 10 Wednesday	March 11 Thursday	March 12 Friday	March 13 Saturday	March 14 Sunday	March 15 Monday	March 16 Tuesday
March 17 Wednesday	March 18 Thursday	March 19 Friday	March 20 Saturday	March 21 Sunday	March 22 Monday	March 23 Tuesday
March 24 Wednesday	March 25 Thursday	March 26 Friday	March 27 Saturday	March 28 Sunday	March 29 Monday	March 30 Tuesday
March 31 Wednesday	April 1 Thursday	April 2 Friday	April 3 Saturday	April 4 Sunday	April 5 Monday	April 6 Tuesday

Bonnie-Lynne Boehm @MrsBoehm · Feb 18

So incredibly proud of my Faith team servant leaders for their commitment and leadership during our @St_JohnXXIII Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word celebration. They truly served with joy, humility and dedication. #kidswholead #choosejoy @EICSCatholic



1,850 TWEETS
What a wonderful way to start Lent. ❤️🙏 (I spy a #GIFGIC rosary on your prayer table)

Nadia Gundert @NadiaGundert · Feb 17

Replying to @GIFGIC
We had a wonderful lesson this morning starting Unit 4 and came up with acts of charity we want to do as a family. 🙏



Faithfully Diocese of Calgary

Check out February's most recent Catholic Education Stories

[St Matthew Prays the Rosary](#) by Suzanne Kitt, CCSD

[We are Advocates](#) by Shannon and Lynnette Whitehouse
STAR Catholic

Holy Spirit Catholic Schools Update

Holy Spirit has started showing the 5 Marks video (created by GrACE) to parents at school council meetings. The intent is to share the marks over the rest of the school year. Trustee Pat Bremner took on the role as "Point Person" and her first action was to ask the Superintendent to ask principals to place this item on the parent school council agenda. He did so (gladly). The plan is that the principal will share his / her screen during the video but the trustee will guide the follow up conversation. School councils are very aware of time, so special attention is being made to that concern. In some cases the trustee's report is replaced by the 5 Marks video.

Red Deer Catholic Schools Lenten Prayer video



Holy Trinity, Olds



Holy Spirit Catholic Schools

Upcoming GrACE Events

March 4	Gathering of GrACE	Calgary Catholic
March 5	Faith Day	Living Waters
March 9	Priests & Clergy GrACE Engagement Workshop	Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan

GrACE Top Toolkit Tips

1. Follow GrACE on social media: Facebook & Twitter. Encourage your contacts to do the same.
2. Post pictures of your school's faith in action. Celebrate
3. Share this GrACE newsletter with 10 friends and family
4. Plan to attend the second annual GrACE Summit April 19, 2021