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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools announces Faith Theme that will guide division through 2025-2028

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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools (RDCRS) is excited to announce our new Faith Theme for the 2025-2028 school years: "Anchored in Faith: Guided by Grace, Uplifted by Hope, Transformed by Love" (Ancré dans la foi: Guidé par la grâce, porté par l'espoir, transformé par l'amour).

This theme will serve as a guiding principle for the division's students, staff, and families over the next three years, fostering a deeper connection to faith and promoting spiritual growth within the RDCRS community.

"Our new Faith Theme, 'Anchored in Faith,' encapsulates the core values that shape our educational mission," said RDCRS Board Chair Murray Hollman. "We believe that by focusing on grace, hope, and love, we will empower our students to not only excel academically but also to grow as compassionate and faith-filled individuals."

The three-year theme will be implemented through a progressive approach, with each year focusing on a specific aspect:

- Year One (2025-2026): **Guided by Grace** – This year will emphasize the importance of recognizing and appreciating God's grace in our lives, fostering a spirit of gratitude and compassion.
- Year Two (2026-2027): **Uplifted by Hope** – The focus will shift to cultivating hope, encouraging students to embrace optimism and persevere through challenges with faith.

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- Year Three (2027-2028): **Transformed by Love** – This year will highlight the transformative power of love, inspiring students to embody Christ's love in their interactions and actions.

"We are excited to embark on this spiritual journey with our students and families," added Jo-Ann Kelly, RDCRS Religious Education and Curriculum Support Lead Teacher. "We believe that 'Anchored in Faith' will provide a strong foundation for our community, empowering us to live out our faith in meaningful ways."

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools invites all members of the community to join in embracing this new Faith Theme and to participate in the various initiatives and activities that will be implemented throughout the coming years.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 9,600 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Blackfalds, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, and Olds. It also supports the learning of over 950 students in a Home Education Program. The Division is committed to serving children and parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and within the means of the Division.

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