



## LENT in our Catholic Schools



Father Leduc Catholic School, Leduc, AB  
February 28 at 1:55 PM

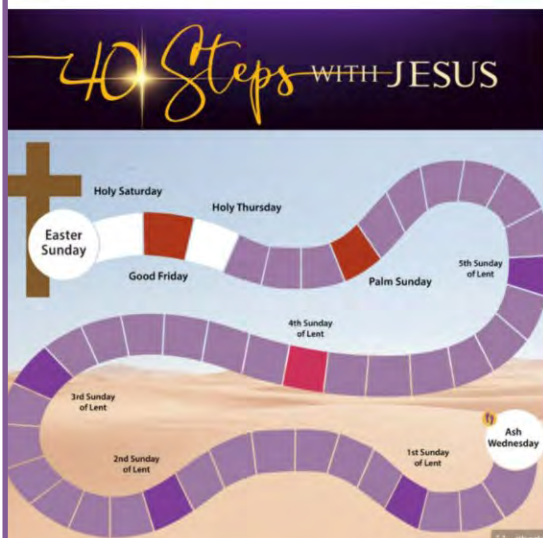
At Father Leduc we are entering into the Lenten season to begin our journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

ECSD @EdmCathSchools · Mar 2

#ECSD's Religious Education Services has created a Lenten virtual faith journey called 40 Steps with Jesus: [ecsd.net/page/41328/len...](https://ecsd.net/page/41328/len...)

Families can use it to participate in prayer, reflect on weekly passages, and learn more about the saints and our call to fast & give alms.

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## Catholic Education Week

May 23–27, 2022

Catholic Education week is 8 weeks away. You are invited to join Alberta's Bishops in provincial prayer daily and in recognizing and celebrating the 5 Marks of Catholic Education every day on social media and in real life. As your GrACE groups, Catholic school districts and parishes make plans for local events, please share your thoughts with us as well. Let's rebuild, restore and renew together as we celebrate Catholic Education Week 2022. Please be aware that Ontario shared this theme with us and they have a wealth of bilingual resources that you are invited to access [here](#).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Holiday. Victoria Day.			World Catholic Education Day Provincial Day of Prayer	
No School.				
<b>Mark 1</b> Created in the Image of God	<b>Mark 2</b> Catholic Worldview	<b>Mark 3</b> Faith Permeation	<b>Mark 4</b> Witness	<b>Mark 5</b> Community
Pre-recorded Gospel and reflection: Archbishop Smith, Archdiocese of Edmonton Audience-Special message for educators.	Pre-recorded Gospel and reflection: Archbishop Motiuk, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmon Audience-Students and community	Pre-recorded Gospel and reflection: Archbishop Pettipas, Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan Audience-Students and community	Pre-recorded Gospel and reflection: Bishop Terrio, Diocese of St. Paul Audience-Students and community	<b>10:00 AM</b> Virtual Mass with Bishop McGrattan, Diocese of Calgary-hosted by CCSD



**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.

## Alberta Catholic Education Curriculum Resource Coordinator: A Snapshot

Submitted by Stacey MacNeil ACE Curriculum Resource Coordinator

The Alberta Catholic Education Curriculum Resource Coordinator (ACE CRC), Stacey MacNeil, and Executive Director; Michael Hauptman have been supporting the work of the Alberta Catholic Education Resource Advisory Committee\* impacting support for teachers in Catholic education.



### New Curriculum Through a Catholic Lens: Permeation of Faith

The ACE CRC spent the fall and the beginning of 2022 traveling the province in dialogue with educators about the draft K-6 curriculum. The engagement for the draft curriculum focused on the curriculum through a Catholic lens and the implementation supports that would be required to support the permeation of faith in various subject areas. The engagement concluded with the completion of a 90-page report to Alberta Education on the feedback that was received by educators and division consultants with a focus on faith and student learning as aligned with the new curriculum.



### Listening to Young People: The Synodal Process, Questions and Prompts

The Synodal process on Synodality is underway in dioceses around the province. In the document “Christus Vivit,” Pope Francis states,

*“The Synod recognized that the members of the Church do not always take the approach of Jesus. Rather than listening to young people attentively, “all too often, there is a tendency to provide prepackaged answers and ready-made solutions, without allowing their real questions to emerge and facing the challenges they pose.” [24] Yet once the Church sets aside narrow preconceptions and listens carefully to the young, this empathy enriches her, for “it allows young people to make their own contribution to the community, helping it to appreciate new sensitivities and to consider new questions.” [25]”*

Pope Francis knows how important our young people are to the Church today and the Church in the future. Thus, there was a need to ensure that educators and schools had the opportunity to be part of the process with materials ready for educators to use with students, youth groups, and retreats. The CRC created a letter of introduction of the process, questions and prompts tailored to a grade 7-12 audience, a graphic organizer for the data collection for educators who wish to host listening sessions with students, and provided contact information for organizers. Contact your diocese synodal coordinator for more information or access to resources.

### Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ: Beyond Grade 8

Pearson Canada is the research and development stage of continuing the “Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ” extending beyond grade eight to grade nine. There are initial conversations between all Catholic organizations and Hauptman and MacNeil, with further details communicated as they become available.

### Faith Formation Guides Teacher Practice

As resources and professional development sessions are developed for the use of CCSSA members within the province, look for upcoming opportunities for formation activities that will assist in the understanding of how our faith informs and guides our practice. The various opportunities and new resources will be released to the membership and school divisions in the spring.

\* The Alberta Catholic Education Resource Advisory Committee consists of representatives from the Alberta Catholic Schools Trustee Association, The Bishops of Alberta, and the Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta

\*\* The Religious Education Network consists of representatives from all Catholic school divisions in the province with support from publishers, clergy, and the Religious Moral Education Council of the ATA

## Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful for April

For Catholic Education:

- † That hope in the risen Lord abounds in our hearts, our homes and our schools, we pray to the Lord
- † That our Catholic schools may fill students with a love for learning and a desire to change the world for the better, we pray to the Lord.
- † That our Catholic schools may be always able to draw excellent and faith-filled teachers to serve in the classroom, we pray to the Lord.
- † That our Catholic schools may be a blessing to families through their work with the young, we pray to the Lord.

## Stories of Catholic Education Faithfully – Diocese of Calgary (catholiccyc.ca)

- † [40 Steps with Jesus](#)
- † [Faith Day](#)

## Synod

Listening Sessions are taking place across Alberta's Dioceses. You, your family, your school, your parish and community are invited to participate. Resources have been created for student listening sessions (see above ACE CRC update). Go to your diocese' website for further information and to join a listening session in your diocese.



“ a time to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands ~ Pope Francis.



## Delegation to Rome Update

### Canadian Bishops, Assembly of First Nations, Métis National Council, and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami Announce Rescheduled Dates for Rome Delegation

February 1, 2022 – The Canadian Catholic Bishops, Assembly of First Nations, Métis National Council, and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami are pleased to announce that the delegation to Rome to meet with Pope Francis, originally planned for December 2021, is now scheduled to take place at the end of March and early April of this year.

In light of the rapid spread of the Omicron variant, both in Canada and throughout the world, a prudent decision was made in December to postpone the delegation out of concern for the safety of all delegates, recognizing the uncertainty regarding travel and the fluid nature of the situation.

Working closely with the Vatican, new dates have been confirmed. The Holy Father is now scheduled to meet with individual Indigenous delegations the week of March 28, 2022. A final audience with all participants will take place on Friday, April 1, 2022.

The health and safety of all delegates remain our first priority. In the weeks ahead, we will monitor conditions leading up to the revised travel dates and continue our dialogue with delegates, public health officials as well as the relevant government and international authorities, traveling only when we feel it is safe to do so.

We remain committed to walking toward healing and reconciliation and very much look forward to the opportunity for Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers, residential school survivors, and youth to meet with Pope Francis.

[Click here to read the article.](#)

### Pope to meet Canadian Indigenous leaders in the spring, bishop says

By Catholic News Service  
Dec 14, 2021 | Contributor

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## Catholic Education Around the Province Peacemaker Week: St. Benedict School

St. Benedict school- Peacemaker week! “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” Matthew 5:9 is the theme that filled the halls. Students at St. Benedict Catholic school celebrated pink shirt day, and peacemaker week February 21–25. Students created friendship bracelets for one another, celebrated with a liturgy of the word, and learned how to be kind. The grade two students created a beautiful display, which helped students learn about Saints who demonstrated being a peacemaker!

**Rebecca Boorse**

Grade 1 Teacher

REC coordinator



## Catholic School Districts' Publications

- † [Calgary Catholic Schools](#)
- † [Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools](#)

## Connect Online

- † GrACE Facebook address is [www.facebook.com/GrACE4cathed](http://www.facebook.com/GrACE4cathed)
- † Grace email is [gracedirector7@gmail.com](mailto:gracedirector7@gmail.com)
- † GrACE Twitter address is [@GrACE4cathed](https://twitter.com/GrACE4cathed)
- † GrACE website



## Consecrating Ukraine and Russia to Mary



### Pope to Consecrate Ukraine and Russia to Mary

“Pope Francis will place the people of Ukraine and Russia under the protection of Mary, Mother of God.

His Holiness will consecrate Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during the Celebration of Penance that he will preside over in Rome at St. Peter’s Basilica on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, March 25. On the same day, the Vatican said, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, the papal almoner, will carry out a similar consecration at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal.

The Ukrainian Catholic leaders have prepared a Novena and invited all Catholic faithful from around the world to join them in prayer over the next nine days.”

[Click here to read the article.](#)

## Her Call to Education Led to GrACE

This month's Catholic Register celebrates GrACE Director's vocational call to Catholic education advocacy.

[Click here for the article.](#)



## Social Media from around the province...

**Notre Dame Academy** @NotreDame\_MH · Mar 4

Mr. Kletzel got his Gr. 9 students shovelling in their community as part of their NDA community service project. Awesome job! #medhat #WeAreMHCBE



**PofPCCSD** @PofPccsd · 4h

Amazing support @AuburnBayCA with our second food drive for the St Vincent de Paul Society! Thank you PoP families for your continued generosity! #ibelieveinCathed @GrACE4cathed



**CCSTA** @CCSTAconnect · Mar 10

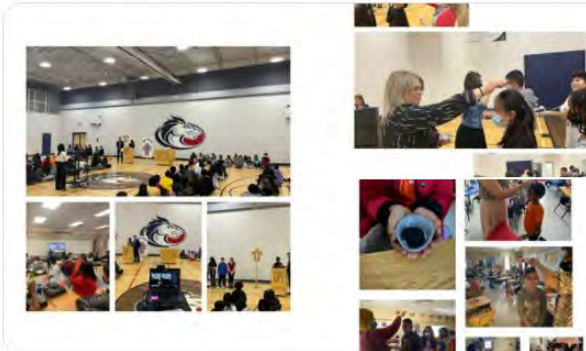
Vice President Teresita Chiarella & AB Director Harry Salm @ACSTANews met with @MichaelKramSK to discuss the importance of #CatholicEd across Canada and his own experience as a student in @SkCSBA



**St. Martha** @StMartha\_CCSD · Mar 2

We had a wonderful Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Thank you to Grade 7E readers, Grade 3/4 singers, and our Liturgy team for planning.

#livestreaming #gomustangs



**stdominic\_ccsd** @stdominic\_ccsd · Mar 9

Thank you Grade 1s and Mrs. Urbshott for leading us on our St. Dominic Feast Day Liturgy today. @CCSD\_edu @GrACE4cathed



**St. Monica School** @StMonica\_CCSD · Mar 2

An exceptional day celebrating #AshWednesday Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral together as a school community for the first time in 2 years.

🙏 Thank you Fr. John for welcoming us back and for your inspirational homily. @calgarydiocese #lent @CCSD\_ed 📌



**St. Jerome School** @stjerome\_ccsd · Mar 2

A beautiful liturgy today as we celebrate Ash Wednesday. We receive ashes over our heads as a reminder to repent and change. Thank you Father Adrian for the message of having a personal relationship with God and doing things to honour Him. @CCSD\_ed @RCAscensionYYC



**Mrs. Oliverio** @mrs\_oliverio · Mar 3

Grade Twos went on a search around the school finding signs of God's presence. They were amazed as to how many there were and realized that God's presence is all around us. @stjerome\_ccsd @CCSD\_ed @GrACE4cathed @CCEF\_YYC



**Grace: Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education**  
March 2 at 12:11 PM

From ashes to ashes #Lent2022 #BelieveinCatholicEd



**St. Mary Beaverlodge**  
March 2 at 10:40 AM  
Ash Wednesday Celebration

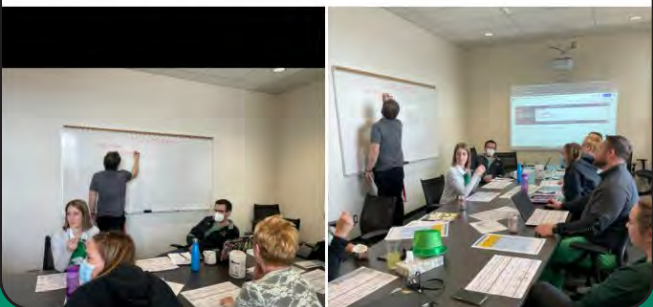
**Good Shepherd Catholic School** @GoodShepherdECS · Mar 9

Grade 5 students created prayers in support of the people in Ukraine. #ecsfaihtinspires



**St. André Bessette** @SABCatholic · 3h

The Assurance Committee is back at it again this afternoon, beginning with Faith Integration, as we look toward our new four year plan. #calledtomore #wearecardinals @SABCatholic @EICSCatholic



**Children St. Martha @CSMhs4 · Mar 1**

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing @CSMhs4 students & staff pancakes today for Shrove Tuesday. We are so grateful!



**GSACRD Faith @gsacrd\_faith · Mar 1**

So, where do those ashes come from? Chaplain @deskofdoug burning palms for students of @SKTAcademy\_ Love those faces!



**Michelle Anton @miss\_bods · Mar 8**

Today I was lucky enough to attend the Human Sexuality & Gender - Pastoral Guide Leadership Workshop today! Great conversations regarding sensitive but vital topics! @EICSCatholic @GrACE4cathed @teacherhaston @MrWalkerEICS @Justymae



**St. Joseph Catholic @joes4646 · Mar 1**

Celebrating Shrove Tuesday with a delicious pancake breakfast, and some dancing with Mardi Gras Marcie! #sjcsproud #shrovetuesday #eccssdHOPE



Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education is with Abanto Panol Rodel.

March 2 at 9:00 PM · 🌐

Today marks the beginning of our Lenten journey 💜

"Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness" Joel 2:13

**Evergreen Catholic Schools**

March 2 at 11:14 AM · 🌐

Students and staff at St. John Paul II (K-8) in Stony Plain, AB mark the beginning of Lent at their Ash Wednesday liturgies today. #eccssdHOPE #Lent2022



**St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School** @StThomasRD · Mar 1

Today we celebrated Shrove Tuesday as a school community! A special thanks to our staff for cooking early this morning, to Mr. Sawula for joining us on the grill and to our School Council for providing the funds! #rdcrs #shrovetuesday



**Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton**

2h · 🌐

Students from St. Paul Elementary School received their ashes this



**St. Francis of Assisi Academy**

5h · 🌐

The Kindergarteners are celebrating Lent by praying with their gifted Prayer Bears! They have named their bears after Saints and are excited to use these prayer bears at home to bring Lent alive by praying for others in need ❤️

#STFFaith



**Joclyn Beliveau** @joclynbeliveau · Mar 1

We welcomed Fr Jim today! He always finds a way to get us excited about our faith 🙌 @EICSCatholic @stncatholic



**Our Lady of Grace** @OLG\_CCSD · Mar 2

Today we had our Ash Wednesday liturgy, and students received ashes from Ascension Parish. #IBelieveInCatholicEd @CCSD\_edu



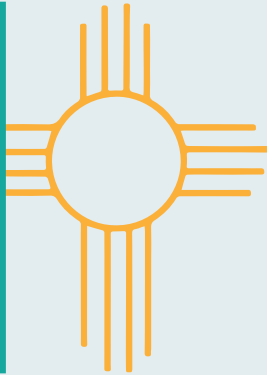


# Third Annual GrACE Summit 2022

## Catholic Education: Together

Turn us back to You, O Lord, and we will be restored; Renew our days as of old. —Lamentations 5:21

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:  
**REBUILD  
RESTORE  
RENEW  
TOGETHER**



As we rebuild, restore and renew together, all stakeholders in Catholic Education are invited to join the GrACE movement across Alberta to inspire, invigorate and embolden the spirit of Catholic education in our province.

Come.  
Invite others.  
Celebrate.  
Spread the word.  
**See you there.**

*#iBelieveinCatholicEd*

**Monday, May 30**  
**10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

**10 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

St. James Church  
5504 – 20 Street SW, Calgary

Gathering Mass with Bishop McGrattan and plenary session.

**12:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.**

St. Leo Curriculum Centre, CCSD  
6220 Lakeview Drive SW, Calgary

Breakout, sharing and listening session.  
Lunch provided.



## Registration

\$40 per person— includes lunch  
Registration open March 28–May 20, 2022  
Register here: [studentquickpay.com/cssd/](https://studentquickpay.com/cssd/)

\*To register as a CCSD Guest, follow these 4 steps:

- 1) Create an account.
- 2) Select “Calgary Catholic Guests” on the Sign-Up page.
- 3) Select “Add guest.”
- 4) Select “Done.”

### Hotels close by for those seeking overnight accommodations:

**Comfort Inn & Suites South**  
Reservations: (403) 287-7070

**Grey Eagle Resort & Casino**  
Reservations: 1.403.719.8777  
Toll Free: 1.844.719.8777

**Super 8 by Wyndham  
Macleod Trail Calgary**  
Reservations: (403) 252-4401

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