



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Growing in the **SPiRiT**

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Dear Families and Staff of Edmonton Catholic Schools,

We, your Board of Trustees, reaffirm to you that we are committed to serving our Catholic educational community and to working to preserve our Catholic identity.

In our role as leaders, representatives, and advocates, we have established governance policies which have set the mission and vision of Edmonton Catholic Schools. Today, we confirm that we join you in upholding that mission and vision.

Inspired by our love of the Father, faith in Jesus Christ, and hope from the Holy Spirit, Edmonton Catholic Schools provides a Catholic education that inspires students to learn and that prepares them to live fully and to serve God in one another.

Our students learn together, work together and pray together in answering the call to a faith-filled life of service.

We believe in God and we believe

- that each person is created in the image and likeness of God
- that each child is a precious gift and sacred responsibility
- in the goodness, dignity and worth of each person
- that Christ is our model and our teacher
- in celebrating and witnessing our faith
- in transforming the world through Catholic education
- that Catholic education includes spiritual growth and fulfillment
- that learning is a lifelong journey
- that all can learn and develop their gifts
- in building inclusive Christ-centred communities for service to one another
- that all have rights, roles and responsibilities for which they are accountable
- that Catholic education is a shared responsibility in which parents have a primary role

Instruction in the Catholic faith and permeation of that faith are at the core of our existence as we educate and nurture the students entrusted to us. We, your Board of Trustees, reaffirm to you that we are committed to upholding the mission and vision of Edmonton Catholic Schools.

We would like to reassure parents that your children's education will remain rooted in Christ's teachings and our actions guided by gospel values.

Sincerely,

Board Chair

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