

**Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

**Education and Health Communiqué #10**

Mary H., Chairperson

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**"Care for Our Common Home"**

**Catholic Education Week**

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The week of May 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> has been set aside to celebrate Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools support the mission of the Church, by offering formation of the "Whole Person" which includes academically, physically, socially and spiritually.

The 483 Catholic schools across Alberta and their more than 181,000 students celebrate and acknowledge the vision of Catholic schools to **making Christ known to children.**" Our Catholic School System celebrates and defines itself on faith and mercy and embraces the message of caring for all peoples". Our schools are beacons where the light of Christ shines each and every day and we are so grateful for the gift of publicly funded Catholic education.

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**What can we do to express our support?**

Please find following a list of Catholic education prayer intentions that we ask you bring to your Pastors requesting that a prayer intention supporting Catholic education be included with the ***Prayers of the Faithful*** at your Parish at least once a month as an ongoing reminder of the wonderful gift we have been given:

**Suggestions for Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful**

- **For Catholic Education in Alberta, for all the teachers and school administrators and staff of our Catholic Schools, that they all be loving witnesses to our Catholic faith. We pray to the Lord.**
- **For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may serve others in word and deed. We pray to the Lord.**
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- **For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may be inspired by the words from the Gospel of Matthew: to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We pray the Lord.**
- **For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may provide a Catholic education that inspires students to learn and to serve God in one another. We pray to the Lord.**
- **For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may continue to cultivate within students a desire for virtue, a love for truth, and a commitment to service and participation. We pray to the Lord.**
- **For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may continue to provide excellence in academics, social development, and faith formation. We pray to the Lord.**
- **For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may continue to honour its unique partnership between school, home, and parish as a way to develop the student's whole person. We pray to the Lord.**
- **For Catholic Education: That our schools may continue to nurture the spiritual, academic, and physical needs of our students through the integration of the curriculum, Gospel values, and Sacramental life. We pray to the Lord.**
- **For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may always be a priority for each local diocese as a means of passing on the faith to new generations. We pray to the Lord.**
- **For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may continue to work in collaboration with our parishes to nurture the precious gift of Catholic Education. We pray to the Lord.**
- **For Catholic Education: That all families in our Catholic schools may resemble the Holy Family as they try to live together in peace and unity. We pray to the Lord.**
- **For Catholic Education: That students and their families in our Catholic schools may experience the blessings, love, and graces poured out to them by God the Father. We pray to the Lord.**
- **For Catholic Education: That all children in our Catholic schools may be sources of hope and joy to the world as they reflect innocence and nearness to Christ. We pray to the Lord.**
- **For Catholic Education: We give thanks for teachers, staff and all members of our educational families who help to support our young people. We pray to the Lord.**
- **For Catholic Education: We pray for all those who help sow the seeds of faith: for clergy, staff, and families, and for all those who guide our Catholic schools in their journeys of faith. We pray to the Lord.**