

## **Statement of Belief**

### **School Fundraising Through Gambling Activities**

The Board of Trustees of Edmonton Catholic Schools recognizes the teaching authority of our respective presiding Bishops, Archbishop Smith and Bishop Motiuk, and fully supports the principles underlying the archdiocesan policy on gambling. The Board believes that the issue of schools fundraising through gambling activities or any other activities is not solely a Catholic education issue; rather, it is fundamentally a social justice issue and an issue relating to the province's responsibility to provide adequate and sustainable funding for all aspects of public education.

The Board expresses the view that no school or school community in Alberta should have to raise money through gambling activities in order to meet children's educational needs. Further, the Board does not see this type of fundraising as meaningful engagement in children's education.

The Board recognizes that in order to effect and embrace change, sufficient time and substantial alternatives are required.