

The Way that Leads to Unity

Every year in January, Christians from all over the world celebrate a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together “that all may be one”, as Christ desires (cf. John 17.21).

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a beautiful time of celebration as Christians recognize one another as sisters and brothers of the same family in Jesus Christ. At the same time, however, the Week of Prayer can be a difficult time, as healing the divisions within “the family” requires first that we acknowledge the role that sin has played (and is still playing) in eroding the unity of the Church, and our own participation in that sinfulness. We are called to turn away from our sinfulness and to be reconciled to one another and to God through Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Way the leads to unity with one another in the Church.

Thank you for all that you do in Edmonton Catholic Schools to reveal this Jesus to the world and through him, to build up the body of Christ in your schools.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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