



The Catholic
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A Season of Blessings and New Beginnings

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of another school year, we give thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon our school communities. This has been a year marked by growth, resilience, and deepened faith. Your children have flourished academically and spiritually, learning what it means to walk in faith. Through the tireless dedication of our educators, families, and parishes, we have worked hand in hand to nurture their hearts and minds in Christ.

At the heart of the Edmonton Catholic School Division is its mission to provide a Christ-centered education that fosters the growth of each student in mind, body, and spirit. As communities of faith and learning, your schools continue to be places where Gospel values are taught, lived, and celebrated daily. This year, your children have grown not only in knowledge but also in wisdom and grace, deepening their understanding of what it means to walk in the footsteps of Christ. It is an honour to witness the Spirit at work in our classrooms, liturgies, and community celebrations.

Just recently, we bid farewell to Archbishop Richard Smith as he was appointed Archbishop of Vancouver. His legacy of faithful leadership, unwavering commitment to Catholic education, and pastoral closeness to families, schools, and parishes has left a profound and lasting impact on our Archdiocese. We are grateful for his years of dedicated service and spiritual guidance, which have helped shape the vibrant, Christ-centered communities we cherish today. Let us keep him in our prayers as he embraces his new ministry, even as we carry forward the strong foundation he helped lay among us and cherish the many memories we shared along the way.

Please keep the Archdiocese of Edmonton in your prayers, too, during this time of transition, as we await the appointment of a new Archbishop to shepherd our local Church. In this sacred time of hopeful anticipation, we entrust ourselves to the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Know that I will continue to hold each of you—students, teachers, and families—in my prayers as well. Let us also pray that this summer may be a time of rest, reflection, and renewal, strengthening the foundation of faith upon which we continue to build.

Your homes are the sacred space where the seeds of faith are first sown and nurtured. It is within the warmth of your family life that children first encounter the love of God, witness the power of prayer, and learn what it means to follow Christ. Through your words, actions, and everyday examples of compassion, forgiveness, and hope, you lay the foundation for their spiritual growth. You are the first teachers of the faith, and your role is both a sacred privilege



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and a profound responsibility. I invite you to take time this summer to pray together, attend Mass as a family, and engage in simple acts of kindness that embody Christ's love.

As we close this school year and look ahead, let us remain united in our mission to journey together in hope. In times of rest or change, may we always seek God's presence and be inspired by the Holy Spirit to continue our collective mission—to learn, grow, and serve as compassionate, faithful stewards in God's world.

Wishing you all a peaceful, joyful, and blessed summer.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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