

A Letter of Thanksgiving to our Edmonton Catholic School Families

In the Catholic tradition, giving thanks is not just a courteous gesture but a profound expression of faith and gratitude toward God. The Eucharist, from which the term *thanksgiving* is derived, embodies this spirit of gratitude when we gather on Sundays to remember and celebrate Christ's sacrifice. This sacrament is a central aspect of Catholic worship. It is here that we offer thanks for the gift of salvation and the continual presence of Christ in our lives.

Indeed, giving thanks extends beyond the walls of the church and into everyday life. The practice of gratitude encourages us to recognize and appreciate our many blessings, from the simple joys to the profound miracles of daily existence. Through prayer, reflection, and acts of kindness, we are called to cultivate a spirit of thankfulness that permeates all aspects of life. This attitude not only honors God but also fosters a sense of community and compassion, reflecting the love of Christ in our interactions with others.

As we approach the Feast of Thanksgiving, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to our families for their unwavering dedication and support. Your commitment to fostering a nurturing environment for your children and your involvement in our schools—whether through volunteering, participating in school events, or supporting our programs—makes a profound difference. As the first teachers of the faith, you are not just parents but pillars of our school communities, embodying the virtues of love, patience, and generosity. You help to instill in your children the importance of living out their faith. Your example of devotion, compassion, and service serves as a beacon for them, showing what it means to live a life rooted in Christian values.

As we continue to grow forward and face new opportunities in the coming school year, your steadfast support remains a source of strength and inspiration. We are deeply grateful for everything you do, and we look forward to continuing this journey of faith together.

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