



# WALKING TOGETHER IN GOD'S LOVE

*Act Justly, Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly with Your God. (Micah 6:8)*

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year, our 130<sup>th</sup> year of Catholic education in Edmonton Catholic Schools! Our theme for this year, *Walking Together in God's Love*, provides us with a beautiful image of the journey that your children experience daily as they learn and grow in Christ. Our guiding scripture passage this year from Micah tells us what God asks of us: to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with Him. In return, we receive the comfort and joy that comes from knowing that He is with us always!

As we live out our mission to provide a Catholic education that inspires students to learn and that prepares them to live fully and to serve God in one another, we have established our District Plan for Continuous Growth 2018-2021 to guide the work of our schools. We begin with our identity as a Catholic school district, followed by five goals that focus on teaching, learning, and student experiences. I invite you to visit our website to learn more about our goals and the key strategies that we will be implementing to achieve them at [https://www.ecsd.net/AboutUs/annual\\_reports/Pages/District-Plan-for-Continuous-Growth.aspx](https://www.ecsd.net/AboutUs/annual_reports/Pages/District-Plan-for-Continuous-Growth.aspx).

Edmonton Catholic School District Goal: Live and enhance the distinctiveness of Catholic education

- Goal One: ECSD students are successful.
- Goal Two: ECSD supports First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students' success.
- Goal Three: ECSD respects diversity and supports inclusion.
- Goal Four: ECSD has excellent teachers, and school and school authority leaders.
- Goal Five: ECSD is well governed and managed.

In his apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exultate, Rejoice and Be Glad*, Pope Francis shares signs of holiness in the world today. In his writings we can see the holiness of Catholic education which is lived out in our schools daily: *"A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelizing environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan"* (145).

I wish each of your families an exciting and rewarding year where you experience the holiness that comes from walking together in God's love with your school community!

Sincerely,

Joan Carr  
Superintendent