

Gospel Witnesses Mark #4

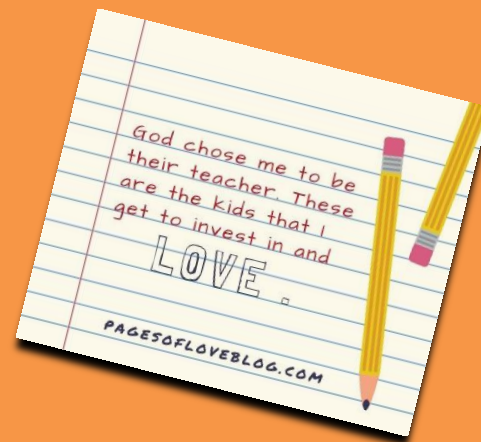
Welcome back to another school year!

Catholic schools nurture teachers that are living witnesses to the Gospel and intentional disciples of Jesus Christ and his Church. (Mark #4)

Educators are called to holiness and wholeness of life precisely through their vocational work (Groome, 1998.)

Evergreen Catholic and STAR Catholic Districts hosted GrACE sessions for teachers at their opening professional and faith events.

GrACE invites all Catholic teachers into the conversation around Catholic education. Educators are the heart of a Catholic school. We are grateful for all they do!



A message from the staff at St Luke's to every student who walks through the door @ EICS Catholic

STAR Catholic hosted a GrACE breakout session at the district's Reflection Day August 29. It was a great opportunity to bring awareness to staff from across the division about advocacy for Catholic education. Participants were very engaged with each other in the table topic discussion and noted they felt more informed and aware of Catholic education in Alberta and Canada. Participants also shared that they feel honored to advocate for Catholic education; they want to be more vocal and continue to learn from their peers.

Evergreen Staff Feedback

What is your biggest TAKE-AWAY from this GrACE session?

- We need to be advocates for Catholic education in Alberta. It is truly a gift.
- The marks really resonate with my goals as an educator
- Be the best Catholic educator I can
- How much Catholic education is growing
- We need to do more, faster!
- I'm more informed and inspired!
- Our Catholic schools are truly important for those children at risk
- Highlighting/promoting the "unique & distinct" portion of Catholic schools

GrACE Summit Agenda

9:00 AM Coffee and gathering

9:30-2:30 PM

1. Pray: Opening Liturgy
2. Unite: Strengthening the Why in Alberta's Catholic Schools: Panel representing the Bishops of Alberta, ACSTA and CCSSA
3. Communicate: Celebrating GrACE's past and future
4. Educate: GrACE group planning, Practical Tips for Effective Advocacy, The 5 Marks of a Catholic School
5. Engage: Featured GrACE group sharing and conversation

STAR Catholic's Father Leduc School is eager to host the upcoming GrACE Summit October 21.



Register NOW!



\$25 Registration
included lunch

GRACE SUMMIT STRENGTHENING OUR WHY

Monday, October 21, 2019
9:30-2:30 pm

Register until Monday October 14 at
starcatholic.ab.ca/faith/grace

Father Leduc School Leduc,



Best Western
Premier Denham
Inn & Suites
Special Rate
\$109.00

IMPORTANT

Change in contact # for booking block hotel rooms for GrACE Conference at Best Western Premier Denham Inn & Suites in Leduc available until Oct 4.

1-800-661-3327

Mark Your Calendars

Novena for Catholic Education- October 25-November 3

Catholic Education Sunday- November 3, 2019

Catholic Education Week- May 18-22, 2020

World Catholic Education Day- May 21, 2020

Welcome GrACE #17

St Clare Catholic School- CCSD



Our GrACE Team at St. Clare is definitely on board and excited to participate in some big events which will help permeate our Catholicity within the school and surrounding community! We are proud to say that we even gained a member since its inception!

We look forward to our involvement in and promotion of this very worthy cause. We collectively can't wait to hear of all the updates from the GrACE groups throughout the province.

GrACE received a link to an amazing testimonial video from Lloydminster Catholic School District. **We Believe in Catholic Education** speaks to the power of Catholic schools for non-Catholic families as well.

[We Believe in Catholic Education-LCSD](#)

Thank you for creating this video, for your advocacy and for sharing!

GrACE Facebook address is

www.facebook.com/GrACE4cathed

GrACE Twitter address is @GrACE4cathed

The mission of GrACE is to

INSPIRE

INVIGORATE and

EMBOLDEN the spirit of Catholic education

in order to unite, engage, advocate and communicate with one voice on its behalf.



GrACE Top Toolkit Tips

1. Share [We Believe in Catholic Education- Lloydminster Catholic](#)
2. Tell your Catholic district's story: What's the history of Catholic education in your district?
3. Set up an intentional plan for prayer: masses, Adoration; novenas; intentions for parish, school and all groups