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Operating since

the 1840s.

there are

450

Catholic Schools

in Alberta,

NWT, & Yukon

DID YOU KNOW?

Catholic and public boards work together to find efficiencies to support all students!

PARISHES IN OUR COMMUNITIES

- Sacred Heart Parish, Wetaskiwin
- St. Anthony Parish, Drayton Valley
- St. Augustine Parish, Ponoka
- St. Michael Parish, Leduc
- St. Stephan Parish, Lacombe
- St. Vital Parish, Beaumont



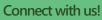
FOUNDING PRIESTS

Father Albert Lacombe Father Hippolyte Leduc

GRATEFUL ADVOCATES FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Publicly-funded Catholic education is a blessing. The mission of GrACE is to invigorate the spirit of Catholic education in order to educate and communicate with one voice on its behalf.

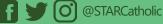
Anyone can be an advocate! You are invited to be witnesses for our schools' success and future. Get involved with your local GrACE team, follow GrACE on social media, and keep spreading the good news of Catholic schools! #IBelieveInCatholicEd



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1.531 STUDENTS WERE WITH STAR CATHOLIC IN 1995 4.367 ATTEND TODAY **ት**ች**ት**ችትችትችት MORE THAN 183,500 ATTEND CATHOLIC **SCHOOLS** ACROSS ALBERTA. NWT, AND

YUKON



STAR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

BEAUMONT Académie Saint-André Academy École Mother d'Youville School

> DRAYTON VALLEY Holy Trinity Academy St. Anthony School

LACOMBE Father Lacombe Catholic School

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Christ the King School École Notre Dame School Father Leduc Catholic School St. Benedict School STAR Catholic Outreach

> PONOKA St. Augustine School

WETASKIWIN Sacred Heart School

Superintendent's Message



This year, our Division enters into the second year of our Three-Year Faith Plan: "Disciples of the Word." The theme of this year is "Disciples Through Witness".

Throughout the year, we will focus on our calling to share the Word of God with others and to give witness through the sharing of our own faith experiences. Together, we will explore how God calls upon us to use our talents and gifts to live the life He intended for us. We will also focus on growing together and intentionally building community within our schools, parishes, and families.

Publicly-funded Catholic education is a gift. In our province, we are truly blessed with the option to send our children to Catholic schools where they will learn, grow, and thrive surrounded by the love and warmth of Christ. Our staff take pride in nurturing the growth of the whole person — not only intellectually and physically, but also spiritually, mentally, and socially.

We are honoured to provide opportunities for our students to flourish and grow in their faith and all other aspects of our lives, and we are grateful for our many supporters and partners who help make our excellent schools so successful.

We encourage you to join us as we continue to share the good news of Catholic education with those we encounter in our lives and communities. As Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education, we work to ensure our children can continue to enjoy the gift of publicly-funded Catholic Education for generations to come.

God Bless!

Charlie Bouchard Superintendent

STAR Catholic Schools Division Profile

Vision: Souls seeking Christ on a journey of faith, learning and love **Mission:** Rejoicing in the way of Christ, we nurture a love of learning in faith-filled Catholic schools!

- **12 schools** and more than **465 staff** serving **6 communities**: Beaumont, Drayton Valley, Lacombe, Leduc, Ponoka, and Wetaskiwin.
- **3 Board Priorities:** Grow and Affirm Catholic Identity; Provide High Quality Learning and Working Environments; Support Students in Their Journey, Ensuring All are Successful Learners.
- **7 Board Trustees:** Jolyne De Marco, *Leduc*; Dawn Miller, *Leduc*; Henry Effon, *Wetaskiwin*; Liz Taylor-Sirois, *Beaumont*; Michael Linner, *Drayton Valley*; Donna Tugwood, *Lacombe*; and Marilyn Burke, *Ponoka*.