



Holy Family Celebrates Opening Faith Day 2020

On August 25, 2020, all staff of Holy Family RCSSD #140 came together – while staying apart – to celebrate the opening of the 2020-21 school year with mass, fellowship and the gift of guests who shared words of wisdom and encouragement.

The opening mass was livestreamed from St. Vincent de Paul parish, Weyburn, with Archbishop Donald Bolen presiding. Holy Family Central Office staff attended the parish while all other staff participated in their home communities – Estevan, Radville, Wilcox and Weyburn at the school sites.



The annual theme, Live Mercy ... Be Holy, was a key focus as well as exploring the ways in which we can learn and lead in these Covid-19 times. Archbishop Donald reminded us all that we have been gifted with the love of God enabling us to share mercy upon mercy upon mercy.

Lyndon Linklater, Traditional Knowledge Keeper, provided a blessing and opening remarks to start the day off. He reminded us all that it is the relationship we have with one another that matters most. Our smile, our laughter, our words can make all the difference in a person's day. We have a gift to share in relationship with one another.

Joan Pratchler of Cygnus Consulting presented following the lunch break where all enjoyed food and visiting with one another. Joan engaged her audience in learning a little more about Covid-19 and exploring the ways in which we can be a strong and caring community wrapping around our learners as they begin the school year. As Joan is a retired Catholic Administrator and a registered nurse, one could easily trust both her knowledge and compassionate sharing way.

The 2020-21 school year will undoubtedly present the staff and students of Holy Family with many opportunities to live out the call of the theme. We will discover many ways to be merciful with one another and to continue our holy journey, our mission to build the kingdom of God here on earth.

