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Catholic Education Week May 26-June 2/ World Catholic Education Day May 30 Message from the Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan

Around the globe on the Feast of the Ascension, Catholics will give thanks to God for the gift of Catholic education, as we mark World Catholic Education Day on May 30, 2019. As the Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan, we invite you to join us in recognizing World Catholic Education Day, as well as in celebrating Catholic Education Week in our province from May 26 to June 2.

This year, Catholic Education Week explores the theme “**Living as Joyful Disciples.**” The joy of Christian disciples is grounded in an encounter with Jesus Christ and a “certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved” (*Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 6*). In joyfully sharing the love of God, everyone involved in Catholic education -- educators, administrators, staff, parents, families and students – are an integral part of the mission of Jesus Christ and the Church.

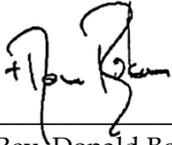
Catholic Education Week’s five daily themes also serve to summarize important features of Catholic education as: “**Rooted in Prayer**” (Monday), “**Living in Community**” (Tuesday), “**Doing Justice and Creating Hope**” (Wednesday), “**Journeying Together in Faith**” (Thursday), and “**Sharing the Good News**” (Friday.) The prayer, community, justice, hope and sharing being proclaimed and joyfully lived out in Catholic schools is a powerful witness to eternal truths that infuse the important daily work of curriculum, learning and academic achievement.

Please join us in giving thanks for the unique contribution of Catholic education in our province and for the vital impact of Catholic schools on students, families and the wider community. In the face of new challenges -- including the appeal of a court decision that would remove funding permitting non-Catholic parents to choose the great gift of Catholic schools for their children – we also ask you to join us in praying for the continuing existence and protection of publicly-funded Catholic education.

Thank you to all those providing leadership in Catholic education, particularly teachers in our Catholic schools. In the words of St. Pope John Paul II in a 1979 message to Catholic

educators, we affirm: "The Church needs men and women who are intent on teaching by word and example – intent on helping to permeate the whole educational milieu with the spirit of Christ. This is a great vocation, and the Lord himself will reward all who serve in it as educators in the cause of the word of God." Thanks for your witness and leadership in "Living as Joyful Disciples!"

Yours in Christ,



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