

**Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

**Education and Health Communiqué #7**

Mary H., Chairperson  
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**“Inspired by the Spirit; Women Respond to God’s Call”**

It appears that the debate concerning publicly funded Catholic education is heating up as evidenced by several thought provoking articles that were circulated in recent days to Alberta Catholic School Trustees. Thank you to Caren Mueller a Catholic Trustee in the Evergreen School Division and the Education & Health Chair for bringing these articles to my attention. Please find following the website addresses to access these articles which represent a very vocal opposition from the Public School Boards in the province who have been gaining the support of the Provincial Government.

*One System*

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*Catholic schools and human rights: A deep contradiction*

<https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/opinion-story/8957594-catholic-schools-and-human-rights-a-deep-contradiction/>

*Christians Awake! The government has formally declared you its enemies:*

[https://thechristians.com/content/byfield-christians-awake-the-government-has-formally-declared-you-its-enemies/?mc\\_cid=f1913e635b&mc\\_eid=8c09047e0b](https://thechristians.com/content/byfield-christians-awake-the-government-has-formally-declared-you-its-enemies/?mc_cid=f1913e635b&mc_eid=8c09047e0b)

# Introducing...



## WHY?

The gift of publicly funded Catholic education in Alberta is a true blessing. As a community we are called in gratitude, faith and action to ensure that our children and future generations continue to learn and grow in our Catholic schools.

## WHAT?

The mission of **GrACE** is to inspire, invigorate and embolden the spirit of Catholic education in order to unite, engage, educate and communicate with one voice on its behalf. **GrACE** is a partnership of stakeholders resolutely committed to Catholic education within the province of Alberta.

## WHO? YOU!

**GrACE** invites all those committed to Catholic education, through the unity of the Holy Spirit, to be advocates and witnesses for our schools' successes and their future.

## WHERE?

In your homes, your neighborhoods, your schools and your parishes. Watch for and get involved with your local **GrACE** team. Tell your stories of Catholic education. Let your voice be heard.

## WHEN? NOW!

Every day is a celebration of Catholic education. Let us be grateful for our blessings and commit our support.

Catholic education affirms parents as their children's primary educators and respects the rights of parents to choose the school that meets their needs

In Catholic schools, it is our deepest desire to ensure that every child knows and experiences the love of God through the witness of their community

Principles of diversity and inclusion are central in the teachings of the Catholic Church and permeate all aspects and curriculum in a Catholic school

180,000 students currently attend Catholic schools in Alberta

Alberta is one of three provinces in Canada with publicly funded Catholic education. Ontario and Saskatchewan are the other two.

Catholic education in Alberta is 158 years old

An organized effort of public school lobbyists are attempting to disrupt Catholic education in our province. Your engagement; your advocacy; your voice is vital.

**"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen"**

*Romans 16:24*

- **Flu Season**



The 2018/2019 Influenza Immunization Program has now begun. Alberta Health Services reminds us that:

- Influenza immunizations are available, free of charge, to all Albertans six months of age and older, through [AHS clinics](#), pharmacies and physicians.
- Plan ahead to arm yourself and your family against influenza this season!
- Please note: children less than nine years of age must be immunized at an AHS Clinic. Pharmacists cannot immunize children less than nine years of age. Find a clinic for your whole family by clicking the button below.

Please remember that the very young and the elderly are particularly susceptible to influenza. Be sure to wash your hands frequently!

For God and Canada,

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