



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



**Education and Health Chair  
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TO: Diocesan Chairpersons of Education and Health  
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)  
CC: National Chairperson of Education and Health (for information)  
FROM: Gerda Hazenberg, Provincial Chairperson of Education and Health

*"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." John 15: 5*

Dear Sisters in the League,

Families have been very much on my mind and in my prayers these past few months of the Global Pandemic. Now as we are in the month of May, the month of Mary, as well as remembering our prayers for Palliative Care last week and the March for Life, I am particularly moved to engage in **Catholic Education Week, May 18-22**. Personal experience has taught me that Catholic Education is vital for the growth of our faith and our families. It is a key component of evangelization.

Enclosed in this communique is the link for the special edition newsletter for Education Week from GRACE (Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education). This newsletter begins with an invitation to unite in prayer with the four Alberta Bishops. Please join in as we pray for Catholic Education:

- That our Catholic schools may be a source of hope for the young
- That our Catholic schools may fill students with a love for learning and a desire to change the world for the better
- That our Catholic schools may be always able to draw excellent and faith-filled teachers to serve in the classroom
- That our Catholic schools may be a blessing to families through their work with the young.

A section of this newsletter is devoted to outlining the 5 marks of a Catholic School:

- 1) All men and women are created in the image of God.
- 2) Catholic schools visibly and tangibly demonstrate a Catholic worldview.
- 3) The academic curriculum integrates a vision of faith in its outcomes and teaching strategies.
- 4) Catholic schools nurture teachers that are living witnesses to the Gospel.
- 5) Catholic schools recognize that we are all community and stakeholders responsible for the common good.

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## Special Edition

*Catholic Education Week  
May 2020*

### **Catholic Education Week May 18-22, 2020**

*United in Prayer and Grateful for Catholic Schools*

#### *United in Prayer*

Join the Bishops of Alberta, as they lead prayer at **9:00 AM** each day.

May 19	Holy Rosary- Bishop Terrio	<a href="#">Holy Rosary</a>
May 20	Divine Mercy- Archbishop Pettipas	<a href="#">Divine Mercy</a>
May 21	Holy Mass-Archbishop Smith	<a href="#">Holy Mass</a>
May 22	Liturgy & Blessing-Bishop McGrattan	<a href="#">Blessing</a>

#### **Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful for May**

For Catholic Education...

- That our Catholic schools may be a source of hope for the young, we pray to the Lord.
- That our Catholic schools may fill students with a love for learning and a desire to change the world for the better, we pray to the Lord.
- That our Catholic schools may be always able to draw excellent and faith-filled teachers to serve in the classroom, we pray to the Lord.
- That our Catholic schools may be a blessing to families through their work with the young, we pray to the Lord

***Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.***

*Colossians 4:2*

Let us celebrate Catholic Education week by recognizing and publicly acknowledging these 5 marks of Catholic Education wherever we can. There are many suggestions in this newsletter.

Finally, not all our families have Catholic schools available to them to help them raise their children in the faith. Let us reach out to those communities in prayer and support them in their efforts to provide Catholic Education for their children.