



The Catholic Bishops of
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Catholic Education Week 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate Catholic Education Week across Alberta, the Northwest Territories and Yukon, we give thanks to God for the gift of Catholic education and for our schools, where young people are formed in faith, knowledge, and service.

This year's theme, "The Power of the Holy Spirit," is drawn from St. Paul: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

At the heart of Catholic education is Jesus Christ, who through the power of the Holy Spirit lives in us. It is the confidence that God is with us, that Christ has conquered sin and death, and that the Holy Spirit continues to guide and strengthen us towards fullness of life in Him. Catholic education brings faith and learning together, in forming the intellect, freedom, and conscience of students. This formation begins in the home, is nourished in the parish, and is strengthened in our schools through the shared witness of families, educators, clergy, council members, trustees and the wider Catholic community.

To our students: Christ calls each of you by name. Your gifts, your challenges, and your hopes matter to the Church today. May your education help you discover the gifts God has given you through His Spirit, and inspire you to place them at the service of others.

To all who share in this mission, especially parents, educators, staff, council members, trustees, clergy and supporters, we offer our heartfelt gratitude.

May our Catholic schools remain places where Christ is known and loved, where faith and learning are united, and where young people may abound in a community of hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Stephen A. Hero
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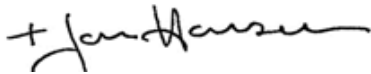
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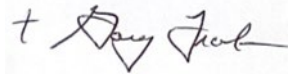
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