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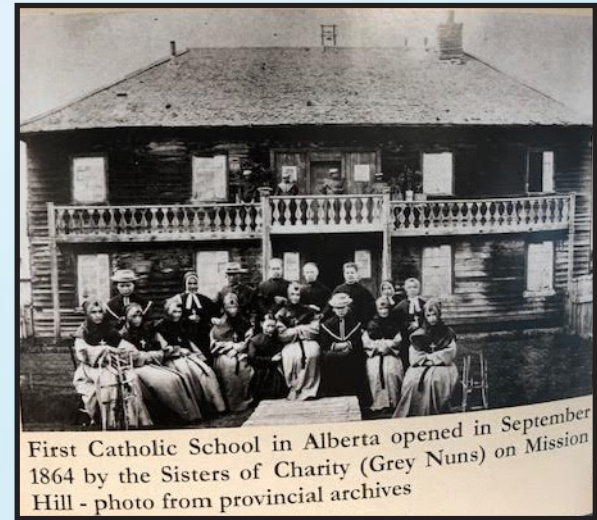
ACSTA is committed to celebrating, preserving, promoting, and enhancing Catholic education. By providing spiritual and political leadership, we strive to advocate for publicly funded Catholic education with a unified voice.

Celebrating Catholic Education



Catholic Education Week (May 6-10) and World Catholic Education Day (May 30) are quickly approaching. It is with great anticipation that we look forward to the opportunity to celebrate publicly funded Catholic education and its distinctiveness as Christ centered learning.

Historically, Catholic education has been operating in Alberta since



First Catholic School in Alberta opened in September 1864 by the Sisters of Charity (Grey Nuns) on Mission Hill - photo from provincial archives

the 1840's and has held both a unique and distinct role in Alberta's public education system. Father Albert Lacombe at Lac St. Anne and the Grey Nuns in St. Albert, established the first schools. Unbeknownst to them, 160 years later, publicly funded Catholic education is presently serving 181, 000 students in 483 schools employing close to 11,000 teachers.

WHAT can We do?

- ✓ Wear blue to publicly demonstrate your support for publicly funded Catholic education,
- ✓ Bring awareness by sharing information on website, newsletters, posters, emails, and social media,
- ✓ Tell your story of Catholic education – articulate to others the importance of faith based education, why did you attend a Catholic school, why did you choose a Catholic school for your child. Dialogue brings awareness and better understanding. Join the conversation,
- ✓ Participate in activities happening at your child's school,
- ✓ Share, like, and retweet on social media the importance of publicly funded Catholic education. Follow groups such as Catholic school districts, Catholic schools, the Archdiocese, Grandin Media, ACSTA, GrACE to get started. Use the hashtag #IBelieveinCatholicEd
- ✓ Pray for publicly funded Catholic education
- ✓ We invite you to view, share, discuss, materials on websites such as:
 - <https://acsta.ab.ca/resources>
 - <https://www.ocsta.on.ca/resources/catholic-education-week-resources/>
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I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.

Mother Teresa



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