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Catholic Education Week

Before coming to St. Paul's, my academic and priestly ministry was focused on teaching, particularly the teaching and formation of Catholic School teachers, administrators, and trustees. You might say that Catholic Education has been my vocation as a priest. I continue to serve in this area as the Bishop's Delegate to the GSCS as well as being the national chaplain of the Canadian Catholic School Trustees Association.

The faith in God that saves me was given by parents who themselves were very devoted to Catholic Education. Did you know that my Dad was the first boy to be registered in a Catholic High School in Saskatoon? Dad gave 33 years of his life to teaching at St. Thomas More College. How wonderful it was to see Catholic Education extending from Kindergarten to College. I think that at a certain point we began to take for granted Catholic Education in Saskatchewan. Our schools were born in strife – the violent opposition of the Ku-Klux-Klan (spurred on by ministers calling for “one school system”) saw crucifixes torn out of schools and Religious Sisters attacked. Yet, it was the leadership of parents committed to **the fundamental right of parents to educate their children** that saw Catholic Schools flourish through the service of women religious and clergy. As the number of clergy and Sisters diminished, Catholic Education became the work of the Lay Faithful as our Catholic Schools carved out a vital place in the life of Saskatchewan for the formation of generations of citizens.

Of course, the citizenship to which Catholics are born through Baptism is a Heavenly One. That is the vision that anchors Catholic Education: that **Jesus Christ is the only “gate” to Truth and Life**. In Christ is found the gift of the Church through whom the Holy Spirit brings forth excellence and happiness in life. In a materialistic world where education can so quickly be seen as a means of credentialing individuals to be better consumers and producers to keep the engines of society running, Catholic Education lifts the minds of children to understand their incredible dignity of having a place in the great plan of God's Reign. In a time when the bigots of the KKK have been replaced by the smug warriors of secularism and relativism, **Catholic Schools stand as the only remaining spaces in the public sphere where God can by name be worshipped and loved**. Where children and families and not *worldly ideas about children* are promoted and served, “Not as the world gives.” Sadly, I sometimes wonder if our schools which flourished in adversity have lost their keen sense of passion for the faith in worldly success.

Will Catholic Schools continue to be able to resist the pressure of intolerant progressivism? Will parents be able to direct the formation of their children or will schools become government laboratories where elites experiment on children as they struggle to impose their “ideas”? The answer, of course, is **‘YES’**. Why? Jesus Himself tells us today: He does not “give as the world gives” as He asks, “the Father, and he will give you **another Advocate** to be with you forever”.

Yes, the “Spirit of Truth” has been the Spirit of Christ's Church, **a Spirit who generation after generation “will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.”** The gates of ignorance and hell have always fallen before the Holy Spirit who has established the schools and universities that have transformed the world.

Pray for the success of our School Foundation campaign to support the provision of all-day Kindergarten in our Community Schools so that these children may have a good foundation for their education. Let us **pray also that Catholic Education may be protected by being founded in holy teachers** who love the Church and listen to the Lord who says, *If you love me, you will keep my commandments*

Fr. Stephen



MONDAY, May 23, 2022

Victoria Day - Office Closed

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Christina & Victor Pawluk**)

TUESDAY, May 24, 2022

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Rose Hretsina**)

WEDNESDAY, May 25, 2022

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Kelly Chuback**)
3:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration until 5:00 pm
6:30 pm - First Communion Preparation

THURSDAY, May 26, 2022

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Vincenzo Chirico**)
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer group

FRIDAY, May 27, 2022

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Antonio & Elena Sajor**)
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group
7:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, May 28, 2022

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Denise Redl**)
4:00 pm - Wedding

SUNDAY, May 29, 2022 Ascension

8:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Mass **Livestreamed** at stpaulscc.com
7:30 pm - Vespers
8:00 pm - Mass



The baptism of a child is a beautiful beginning of a lifelong journey of faith. If you would like to have your child baptized in the faith, the next baptismal preparation class will be June 5 & 12 at 2 pm. For more information, please contact the office or the facilitator, Shelley Timmons at goodshepherd.catechist@gmail.com

PPK (Priest Prophet and King)

Catholic Men's night - May 26

at Holy Family Cathedral. The speaker is

Fr. Stefano Penna

***"What the devil has divided,
only Christ can restore"***

Adoration and confessions at 7 pm. The talk will begin 8:15 pm Food and drink is available. Admission Free. Donations are welcome. Drinks are \$5.

Employment Opportunity

St. Paul's Co-Cathedral is seeking an **Executive Assistant/Parish Secretary** to begin the middle of June. Responsibilities include receptionist duties, parish communications, sacramental support and recording, managing the calendars for the parish and the pastor, and compiling data. Applications will close on May 30, 2022.

Qualifications: Proficient in using Microsoft Office (Outlook, Word, Excel, Publisher). Experience in using Parish Friendly and WordPress website platforms is an asset. The ability to welcome people and interact with them as first contact with the parish is essential.

The successful candidate will be personally committed to the identity and mission of the Roman Catholic Diocese. For information or to apply, contact (306)652-0033 or parish@stpaulcocathedral.ca

Catholic Education week is May 22- 29 when we celebrate and share the gift of Catholic faith based education. The Catholic schools foundation is having a special collection on May 22 to benefit full day Kindergarten. To donate online : foundation.gscs.ca/donate

OFFERING for May 15, 2022

Cash Donations	\$ 862.30
Envelope Donations	\$ 2700.50
Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 2852.50
Pre-Authorized Giving Renovations	\$ 800.00



LITTLE SISTER PARISH

For the week of **May 22 - 29** we are asking for **LARGE BAGS OF SUGAR**. Guadalupe Parish always needs Ziplock storage bags. Drop-off bin is in the welcome area.