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## Superintendent's Message for Catholic Schools' Week

Dear CISND Families, Clergy, Staff, and Students,

With great joy, I invite you to join Catholic schools across our province in celebrating **Catholic Schools' Week**. This year, we continue our three-year journey of *Living, Celebrating, and Proclaiming our Faith*, with a special focus on **CELEBRATING our Faith**. It is a time to reflect on the blessings of Catholic education, the strength of our community, and the hope we share in Christ.

This year's celebration is especially meaningful as we embrace the **Jubilee Year of Hope**—a time to renew our trust in God's promises and recommit ourselves to sharing His love with the world. As Catholic schools, we are called not only to educate minds but also to nurture hearts and souls, forming students who live with faith and lead with hope.

As I visit our 7 schools, I am continually moved by the ways our students live out their faith. In one school, I see young students eagerly preparing for a liturgical celebration, their voices filled with joy as they practice a hymn. In another, a group of older students discusses the impact of their latest service project, recognizing that their efforts—no matter how small—bring hope to those in need. In the hallways, I witness students and staff greeting one another with warmth, a simple yet powerful reminder of the love that forms the foundation of our Catholic school communities. These moments, both big and small, reflect what it truly means to **celebrate our faith**—by living it with joy, sharing it with others, and seeing Christ in one another.

Throughout the week, there are events and activities planned in schools and parishes across the CISND which will bring our community together in joyful celebration. These include Masses, student-led assemblies, social justice projects, prayer and reflections. I encourage all to participate, to engage in moments of gratitude, and to celebrate our vibrant Catholic community.

For details on the scheduled activities, please visit our website at [cisnd.ca](http://cisnd.ca) or follow us on Facebook for updates.

At the heart of Catholic education is the unwavering belief that we are called to be a light of hope in the world. Whether you are a student, teacher, parent, staff member, or clergy, your presence and commitment enrich our Catholic school community in countless ways. This unity and shared mission bring to life the words of St. Paul:

*"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." (1 Corinthians 12:12)*

I look forward to seeing many of you throughout the week as we **celebrate our faith, our schools, and our shared mission**. Thank you for your invaluable, unique role within the CISND family—your faith, and dedication are an inspiration.

In Christ,

Pamela Guilbault, Superintendent of Schools