



2020

# Annual Report



*Catholic schools are unique; They create genuine opportunities for encounters with Christ.*

# Calgary Catholic Education Foundation

## Vision

Together with our community, the Foundation supports opportunities to develop our students into tomorrow's leaders.

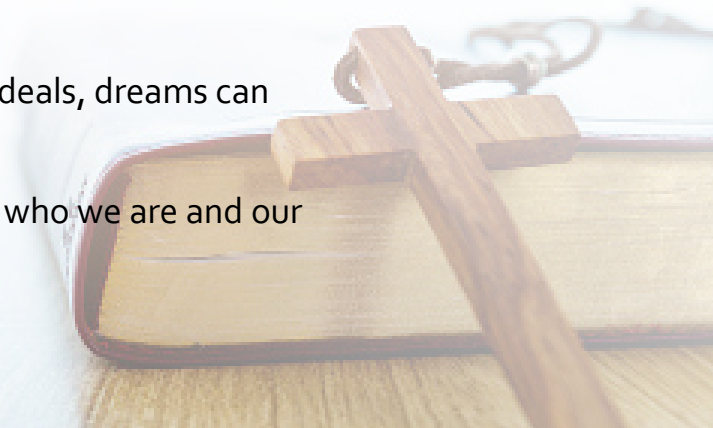
## Mission

The Foundation is focused on enriching the educational experience of students in need within the Calgary Catholic School District.

## Values

**Education, Opportunity, Caring, Hope, Faith. We believe...**

- Education is everyone's business and everyone's responsibility
- We can empower students through quality educational opportunities
- All students should be connected to safe, caring and engaging learning environments
- In working together, with hope, towards ideals, dreams can be achieved
- Our faith is at the heart of understanding who we are and our place in the world.



## Territorial Acknowledgement

The Calgary Catholic Education Foundation acknowledges that our work takes place on the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta and Métis Nation Region 3.

We are grateful to these nations for their stewardship of the land we share.

# Message From The Chair



How to reflect on the past year? What a challenging and uncertain year it was but what stood out for me was the resilience, the commitment to care, and how we all came together – while keeping a safe distance apart. We always knew our success was contingent upon our collective efforts. This was proven time and again during the pandemic. I am awed by the tenacity, commitment and innovation of community and impact organizations such as the Foundation, businesses and educational institutions such as the Calgary Catholic School District as they faced the challenges of the pandemic head on.

The Foundation's Board faced some significant stewardship issues during the past year including the challenge of operating in the face of fiscal uncertainty, managing resources in a time of heightened needs and more specifically, how to respond to the increased need that was highlighted or created by the pandemic. Fundraising during the pandemic was forced to change in the absence of face-to-face interaction and the Foundation cancelled some significant fundraising campaigns due to the constraints placed upon us by the pandemic. As a result, the 2019/2020 fiscal year was a financially difficult year for the Foundation, and this will likely have some long-term impacts.

Nevertheless, the Foundation is adapting; learning how to fundraise virtually and embracing new methods of fundraising such as the Skip the Depot as well as producing the very first Calgary Catholic Education Telethon. Perhaps most importantly, we went back to the basics of fundraising; developing and deepening our relationships with stakeholders and donors who believe that education and specifically, Catholic education nurtures the next generation of leaders.

The money that the Foundation has granted to schools has made a difference in the pandemic. The technology grants that were given to schools to purchase Chromebooks allowed schools to loan out computers to students without any or inadequate access to computers and on-line learning. The need for the anti-bullying programs that were funded by the Foundation was still there during the pandemic. The grants we provided for unique artistic learning opportunities such as dance residencies, friendship gardens and music therapy provided students some color in their learning environment and perhaps made one day in the pandemic sunny during a period of gray and waiting.

There is tremendous leadership potential in Calgary Catholic schools. They will climb the ranks in every industry and use their voices to create a space for others. They will build more inclusive communities. They will be the front line as activists and organizers, doctors and healthcare professionals, environmental impact leaders, lawyers and members of legislative staffs. We need their advocacy and will be lucky to have their leadership.

2020 was arguably one of the most challenging years to navigate in recent memory for non-profits. While uncertainty remains as we face the future, we are hopeful that supporters and advocates like you will continue to support educational opportunities for those who are our future, our youth.

Take care,

Shannon Cook  
CPA, ICD.D

# Message From The Bishop



Calgary Catholic Education Foundation,

I extend my congratulations to you on the 11<sup>th</sup> year of service in assisting the Calgary Catholic School District in enriching the educational experience of the students. Catholic Education is a work of collaboration with many partners... the District and the school administrations, teachers, support staff, parents and families, clergy, the parishes and the Diocese, and partner agencies.

The challenges of this past year were not able to hinder you from your mission and your work by your resilient adaptation to the changing circumstances while steadfastly focusing on your purpose to support Catholic Education.

Catholic education is a gift and a solemn responsibility, a responsibility to claim the vision of the world revealed in Christ and to form young people in that vision.

During this Year of St. Joseph, I assure you of my prayerful support and impart on you the continued blessings of God.

Yours in Christ,

+William T. McGrattan  
Bishop of Calgary

# Catholic Education Sunday



Catholic Education Sunday, like many in-person events was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. With reduced attendance at masses, the CCEF was unable to have the full in-person participation at this crucial yearly appeal. To reach as many faithful as possible, the CCEF hosted a telethon event in support of Catholic education.

# Campus Calgary/Open Minds<sup>®</sup>



Bishop Carroll High School attending CC/OM<sup>®</sup> City Hall School.

A week at the Calgary Zoo, learning at City Hall and visiting the SEED school are all opportunities made available for Calgary Catholic students thanks to funding received from the 2018 Bishop's Dinner.

This year, we awarded more than \$37,000 to more than 1700 students to participate in CC/OM<sup>®</sup> classes ranging from grades 1-12. Teachers prepared curriculum to reflect the experience.

The CCEF wants to make sure that unique learning opportunities are available in the future. A monthly donation can be targeted for this program.

# Message From The Executive Director



Our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year started with tremendous promise. Plans were in place for a successful year. A total of \$162,000 grants was awarded to 64 schools with an average of \$2,500 per school; Catholic education Sunday was the most well attended with participants attending 45 parishes, 151 mass times and 17 languages speaking of the gift of Catholic education in Calgary. We held our fourth biennial raffle. In the spring, we were looking forward to our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gala our first in-person event of its kind. On the heels of our first successful charity golf tournament, we looked with anticipation to the next one.

And then it was March 16, 2020. We all entered unknown territory; A pandemic the likes were never experienced in our lifetime. The CCEF pivoted to meet the needs faced in the unknown realm of a pandemic. At a time when it's easy to become insular, we witnessed our community come together to help students in need of technology, of schools in need of pantries to meet food insecurities, schools embarking on racial equity and supporting the most vulnerable

amongst the students; Those with cognitive abilities that were displaced out of routines and weren't coping well with learning from home. Our community showed support through donations to the CCEF so we could help meet those needs.

The foundation rose to meet the challenges. We held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament, albeit at reduced capacity. We promoted Catholic Education Sunday

remotely, and a new yearly event was created: The Calgary Catholic Education Foundation Telethon. With the support of the Calgary Catholic School District and the Diocese of Calgary's blessings, we created a new event that drew thousands on line to watch stories from schools, past alumni, current CCSD staff, and CCEF board members. You can view these stories on our website at [www.theccef.ca/telethon](http://www.theccef.ca/telethon)

The CCEF will continue to grow with your support. Publicly funded Catholic Education is a Canadian right and a gift in Alberta we can, and should, pass on to future generations. The CCEF will continue ensuring equity in education so that Catholic students become tomorrow's community leaders.

Thank you for believing in Catholic Education!

Janet Lymer  
Executive Director

*"We've had to pivot and become creative in our fundraising and our engagement with our community."*

*- Janet Lymer*

# Message From The Chief Superintendent



The Calgary Catholic School District is a proud partner of the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation. The work they do supports our schools, students, teachers, and communities. This year, although incredibly challenging, the CCEF continued to put students first and continued to recognize the importance of providing students with quality faith-based education.

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the CCEF was faced with a challenging year. They needed to approach fundraising in a completely different way; they moved most of their fundraising initiatives on line.

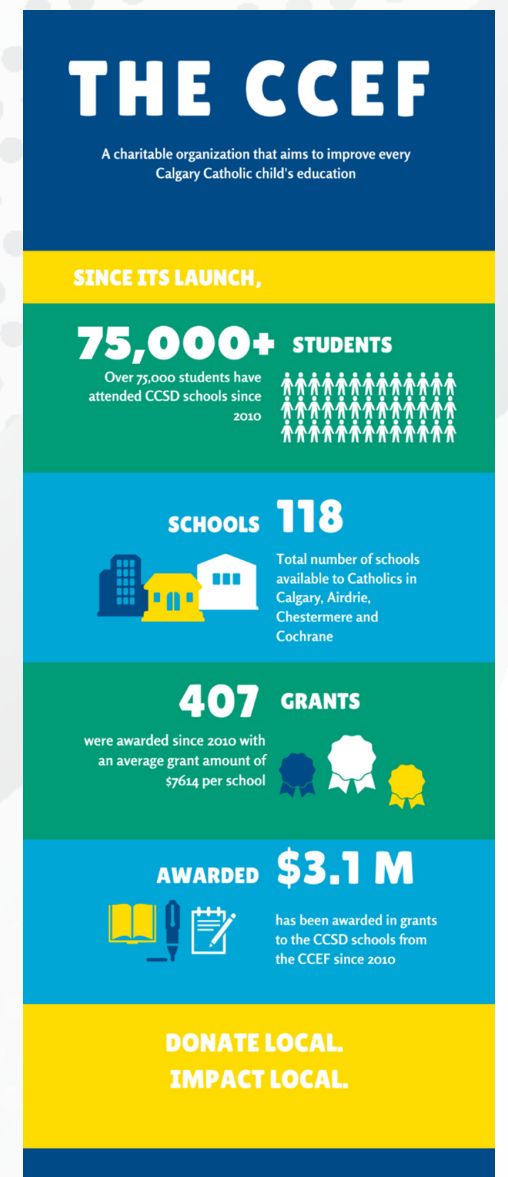
I would like to wholeheartedly thank every member of the CCEF and

volunteers for their hard work and commitment to Catholic education. Your dedication is especially appreciated during these difficult times.

In previous years, the CCEF has been instrumental in supporting Catholic education through their dedicated involvement in the annual High School Social Justice Summit, Catholic Education Sunday with the Diocese of Calgary, our district's Annual Golf Tournament and many other significant fundraising initiatives. This year, since most in person events were cancelled, the CCEF focused on maintaining a presence at local churches by leaving collateral for the public to pick up, they also hosted a successful telethon event that is described in this report and created an opportunity for CCSD staff to opt-in to a payroll deduction. I am very proud of the CCEF's ability to quickly transition to an online world of fundraising. This quick transition is what allowed the CCEF to continue to support our students no matter the circumstances we were in. Since 2010, the CCEF has donated \$3.1 million to 118 of our Calgary Catholic schools. For this we are eternally grateful.

On behalf of the Calgary Catholic School District, I would like to thank the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation for their dedication to our students and for all the amazing work they have done during these unprecedented times. I look forward to what the future has in store and look forward to our collaborative work in Creating Calgary Catholic Together. Peace,

Dr. Bryan Szumlas, Chief Superintendent  
Calgary Catholic School District



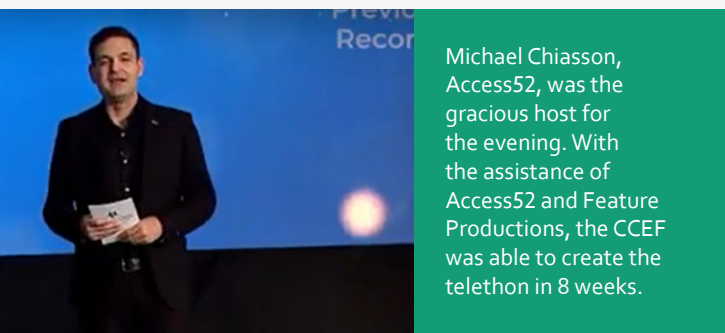
# Calgary Catholic Education Telethon

## CHANGE A LOCAL CHILD'S POTENTIAL TODAY

On November 17, 2020 we undertook our inaugural Calgary Catholic Education Foundation Telethon which was held at our site host Bishop O'Byrne High School with full COVID-19 safety protocols in place. We were blessed with the support of the Calgary Catholic School District, the Diocese of Calgary and the many alumni who partook in our videos.



Rhonda Murphy, Principal at St. Angela School with the school pantry the CCEF funded for their school community.



Michael Chiasson, Access52, was the gracious host for the evening. With the assistance of Access52 and Feature Productions, the CCEF was able to create the telethon in 8 weeks.



Serafino Scarpino, CCEF director. Since joining the board in 2018, he has been instrumental in bringing community partners to the table.



Global News' Linda Olsen interviewing Marco Iannuzzi, St. Francis HS Alumni who spoke of his deep rooted faith that was nurtured as a result of publicly funded Catholic education.



Michelle Davies, Principal at St. Bede and Minister Josephine Pon on the grand opening of the school playground funded in part by the CCEF.



Mrs. Shannon Cook, CCEF chair, has stewarded the foundation for 8 years.



Chief Superintendent Dr. Bryan Szumlas has been an integral part of the CCEF's growth over the past number of years.



The support of alumni such as Tony Spoletini brought depth and history to our mission.



When it was clear we could not hold our Catholic Education Sunday annual appeal in person across the Calgary and area parishes, the Diocese of Calgary, led by Bishop William McGrattan supported our project to move to a telethon format.

## Key Partnerships

We are grateful to the many financial supporters and donors who joined us for the inaugural 2 hour telethon. The event would not have been possible without the financial support of:



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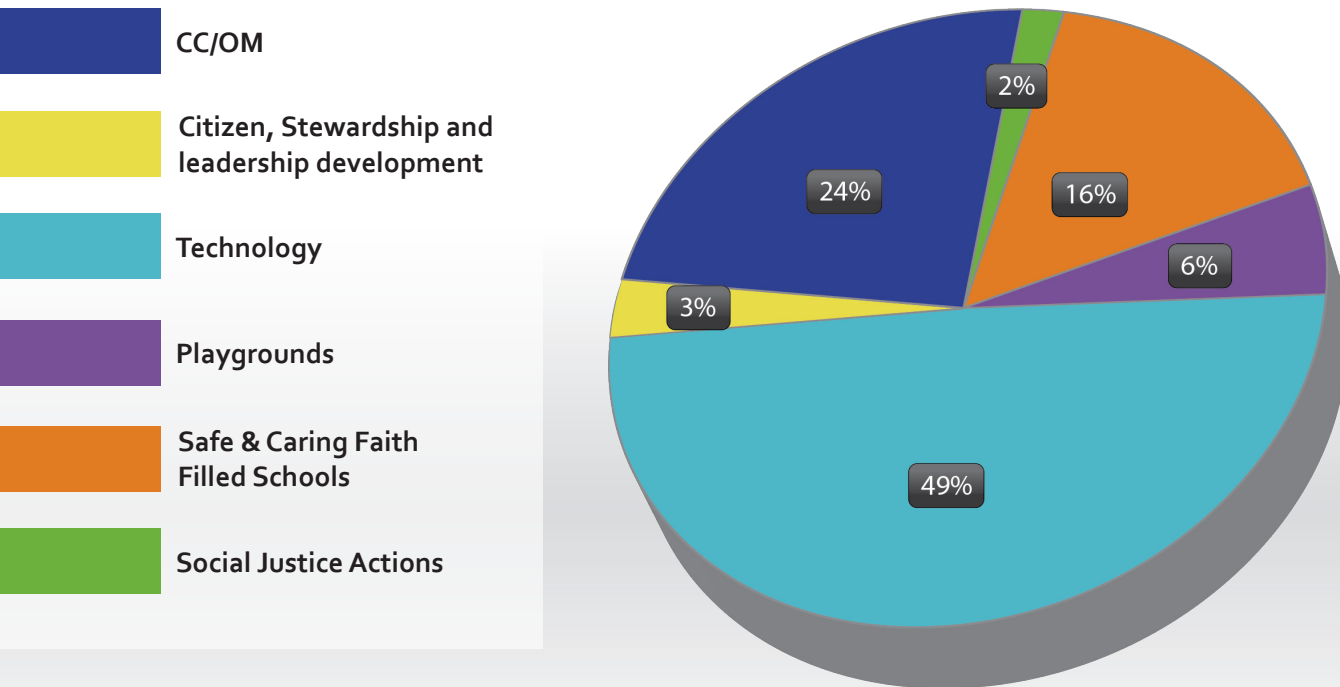


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Opening June, 2021



# Financial Snapshot



# Donors

The CCEF is truly blessed to have the following donors support the drive to provide equity in education and learning enhancements to the schools and students in the Calgary Catholic School District:

**Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary**

**Valentine Volvo Employee Group**

**Calgary Flames Foundation**

**Blaine Maciborsky & Dr. Lucy Miller**

**Todd and Shannon Cook**



## In Memoriam – Ted Valentine

Ted was instrumental in establishing the CCEF to replace casino fundraising for Catholic schools and for maintaining social justice teachings. He supported the CCEF and passed philanthropy along to the Valentine Volvo family who have since become generous supporters through many charitable events.

He instilled a legacy of giving in everyone he encountered through his volunteer work. Ted will be truly missed.

# District Day

On February 7, 2020, the CCEF participates in District Day hosted by the Calgary Hitmen. Volunteers from across the CCSD and the CCEF board of directors along with St. Francis High School students sold 50/50 tickets. This yearly fundraiser is an integral partnership for the CCEF.



CCEF board and CCSD leadership volunteered alongside Grade 12 St. Francis High School students for District Day.

# 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Raffle



Between January 6 to February 2020, the CCEF held its most successful biennial raffle in its history with \$75,00 in cash prize. Net proceeds from the raffle were redirected to grants for schools.

**Over 5000 tickets were sold!**

# 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

The CCEF hosted the Calgary Catholic School District's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament held at Heather Glen Golf Course in August 2020. A total of 100 golfers took part in a gorgeous summer day with COVID-19 precautions in place.



CCSD Chief Superintendent, Dr. Bryan Szumlas and the Alberta Teacher's Association Local 55 enjoying the tournament.



Janet Lymer, Executive Director surrounded by her volunteers.



Golf tournament participants ready for a shotgun start.



COVID-19 protocols were in place throughout the event to ensure all players, volunteers and staff were safe.

## Thanks to our dedicated sponsors

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# 2019 Grants

## SOUTHWEST SCHOOLS

### NORTHEAST SCHOOLS

SCHOOL NAME	PROJECT	AWARDED AMOUNT
Ascension of Our Lord	Technology for Learning Commons and Makerspace	\$2,000.00
Father Scollen School	Literacy and Numeracy Learning	\$2,577.40
Light of Christ	Extending the Classroom - The Learning Commons Project	\$2,945.60
St. Alphonsus	Technology and Information	\$2,706.27
St. John XXIII School	STEM BrickLAB Adventure	\$5,922.88
St. Kateri Tekakwitha School	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Nutritional Equity Program	\$1,277.00
St. Mark	Active Living Through Healthy Living Initiatives	\$2,346.75
St. Rupert School	Technology Replacement Project	\$2,945.60
St. Thomas More	St. Thomas More-Diverse Learning	\$3,682.00
St. Wilfrid	Digital Devices for Digital Learners	\$2,945.60

SCHOOL NAME	PROJECT	AWARDED AMOUNT
Holy Child School	Sound Kreations Dance Residency	\$2,832.50
John Costello School	Quest Theatre Extending the	\$4,500.00
Sacred Heart	Legends - From Stories to Under-standing by Trickster Theater Residency	\$2,494.00
St. Gerard	STEAMing Ahead	\$2,000.00
St. Andrew	Wild Mint Arts - Hoop Dance Residency	\$1,000.00
St. Anthony	Music Therapy	\$3,825.00
St. Jude	Playground Games Technology	\$700.00
St. Michael School	Social Justice League - championing feelings of safety value and connectedness	\$1,569.00

### Safe, Caring, Faith Filled Schools

A school is a second home to students. It's a place to learn our Indigenous history. For new Canadians, this is an opportunity to learn of our rich culture.

These are experiences and opportunities, such as a Hoop Dance Residency, that everyone benefits from and the CCEF continues its reconciliation work.



### Citizenship, Stewardship and Leadership

Providing enriched learning opportunities isn't part of the basic ABCs. These experiences or projects are what makes school memorable for students, staff and families. Students can be exposed to programs that aren't covered under basic education such as swimming lessons.

A school community is enriched when a dedicated bench is included in their garden or even adding playground games on the tarmac helps to bring school alive and be a welcoming place for all.

In 2020 the average grant awarded by CCEF was \$2500/school. In order to reach equity in our funding, we need to reach \$25,000/school grant. This is being achieved elsewhere in Alberta and we need our community support to make this possible.

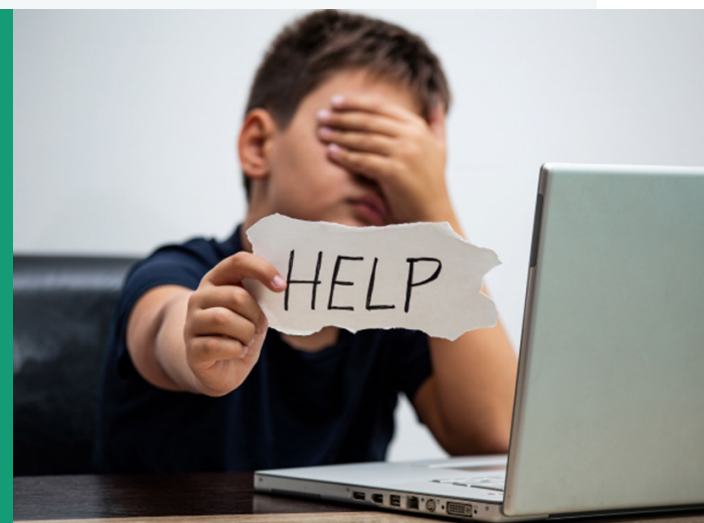


## NORTHWEST SCHOOLS

SCHOOL NAME	PROJECT	AWARDED AMOUNT
Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi School Preparing All Students for the Future	\$5,988.00
Monsignor Neville Anderson	"LOFTY" goals	\$2,000.00
Our Lady of Grace	Makerspace	\$2,000.00
Our Lady of the Assumption	Quest theatre - Artist in residency	\$4,000.00
St. Basil School	St. Basil Friendship Garden	\$2,580.00
St. Joseph	St. Joseph Learning Commons Technology Update	\$2,950.00
St. Rita	Literacy Learning Flexible Groupings	\$4,749.00
St. Sylvester School	Technology Enhancement at St. Sylvester	\$2,000.00
St. Vincent de Paul	Imagine Language and Literacy	\$2,000.00

### Technology Poverty

It's a term we are learning about and the gap has never been more apparent than during the pandemic. Students, forced to learn from home, aren't necessarily equipped to make the transition. They may have to share a device with other siblings or parents working from home. Who takes priority? The CCEF has a priority of funding leading edge technology to equip schools with Chromebooks and tablets for in class learning. These devices became vital to send home with students to ensure they were receiving equity in education and aren't falling behind their peers. This year, the CCEF funded \$80,000 in technology.



## SOUTHEAST SCHOOLS

SCHOOL NAME	PROJECT	AWARDED AMOUNT
St. John Henry Newman	Indigenous Culture Day	\$2,000.00
Christ the King School	Christ the King 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Technology Update	\$2,000.00
St. Bonaventure School	Sublimation and vinyl cutting, CTF	\$4,000.00



Mgr. Noel Farman, Vicar of Education, with the CCEF presenting Bishop O'Byrne HS with a \$1000 cheque for their student driven social justice project.

### Social Justice

In February 2020, we sponsored the 3rd Annual Social Justice Summit where we awarded \$1000 to Bishop O'Byrne High School for their Social Justice Project of meeting the needs of food insecurity in their school.

Social Justice is at the core of our faith: the dignity of life. Our Catholic youth demonstrated this whole heartedly at the summit. We need our future community leaders to reflect our values. That is why the CCEF supports Social Justice grants yearly. You can too with your annual donation.

## AIRDRIE, CHESTERMERE & COCHRANE SCHOOLS

SCHOOL NAME	PROJECT	AWARDED AMOUNT
Our Lady of Wisdom	One Book Two Schools - Me To We (CCC Project)	\$4,000.00
St. Martin de Porres High School	SMDP Smart (& Portable) Hydroponics Project	\$2,945.00
St. Timothy Junior/Senior High School	Assistive Technology for Diverse Learners	\$2,000.00

Catholic education has held a longstanding distinct role in Alberta's public education system. This role existed prior to the creation of the province and then was further solidified constitutionally with the Alberta Act, 1905.

*Catholic education is still celebrated and continually strengthened today.*

# Board of Directors



# Independent Auditor's Report Extracts From Audited Financial Statements

Audited by BDO Canada LLP. Full financial statements available at [theccef.ca](http://theccef.ca)

## CALGARY CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION Statement of Financial Position As at August 31, 2020

	2020	2019
<b>Assets</b>		
Current		
Cash (Note 3)	\$220,039	\$303,391
Marketable securities (Note 3)	150,824	149,430
Accounts receivable	30,731	11,492
Short term investment (Note 3)	5,000	5,000
Prepaid expenses	27,621	331
	<b>434,215</b>	<b>469,644</b>
Intangible assets (Note 4)	2,594	-
	<b>\$436,809</b>	<b>469,644</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$55,070	\$10,321
Deferred contributions (Note 5)	138,439	125,032
Wages payable	4,692	10,950
	<b>198,201</b>	<b>146,303</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>238,608</b>	<b>323,341</b>
	<b>\$436,809</b>	<b>\$469,644</b>

## CALGARY CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION Statement of Operations For the Year Ended August 31, 2020

	2020	2019
<b>Revenue</b>		
Fundraising	\$111,372	\$134,952
Donations	46,805	79,265
Government Grant	17,125	-
Investment income	1,422	2,760
Raffle	-	46,505
	<b>176,724</b>	<b>263,482</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Distribution of funds	136,624	133,579
Operating expenses		
Salaries and wages	89,444	62,798
Professional fees	19,457	10,340
Office	6,038	6,040
Fundraising	3,508	10,145
Software licensing costs	3,101	3,757
Telephone	871	320
Insurance	811	6316
Board	720	2375
Amortization	519	5,036
Interest and bank charges	364	253
	<b>261,457</b>	<b>240,959</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses</b>	<b>-(84,733)</b>	<b>\$22,523</b>

# We Believe in Catholic Education!



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