

Nomination Process for
Excellence in Catholic Education Award

The Excellence in Catholic Education award was established by the Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta to communicate clearly and convincingly the benefits of Catholic education and its value to society. This prestigious award recognizes Catholic teachers in Alberta who have done an exemplary job in preparing our youth to grow into outstanding Catholic citizens. Each Catholic school jurisdiction chooses a recipient to be honoured annually at the Blueprints or SPICE Annual Spring Conference.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for this award a nominee must hold a teaching certificate and be working full time in Medicine Hat Catholic.

He/she must be a practicing Catholic.

Who can nominate?

Teachers, administrators, parents, students, and members of the parish community

How do I nominate someone?

1. Ask permission of the teacher to be nominated
2. Complete the nomination package using the criteria provided
3. Submit the nominee's name and nomination package to the school administrator

When is the deadline?

Nominations are due February 12th.

Nomination Form for the Excellence in Catholic Education Award

Name of nominee _____

School of nominee _____

Nominee has agreed to the nomination _____

Please check eligibility requirements:

Works full time in Medicine Hat Catholic _____

Holds a teaching certificate _____

Practicing Catholic _____

Nomination form and one page summary described on the following page should be submitted to the school administrator.

In a one to two page summary, comment on why this faith-filled person is an outstanding candidate for this award. Please refer to the criteria provided that is based on the Five Marks of an Excellent Catholic Teacher.

Excellence in Catholic Education Award Criteria

The Five Marks of the Excellent Catholic Teacher....

1. **The role of an excellent Catholic teacher is to embrace the dignity of humanity by:**
 - Fostering the development of students and their spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth.
 - Motivating students to exceed their own expectations by attending to individual needs.
 - Demonstrating care for the well-being of students and colleagues, thereby contributing To a positive school climate.

2. **The role of an excellent Catholic teacher is to enliven a Catholic vision of the world by:**
 - Understanding Catholic teachings and doctrine.
 - Living an active sacramental life that reflects Catholic values.
 - Framing for students, a Catholic perspective of learning and life.

3. **The role of an excellent Catholic teacher is to animate a faith-filled curriculum by:**
 - Demonstrating an in-depth knowledge of curriculum, and the integration of the Teachings of the Catholic Church.
 - Merging consciously “faith” and life.
 - Fostering a love for wisdom and truth, integrating faith, culture and life.

4. **The role of an excellent Catholic teacher is to witness by:**
 - Testifying to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through words and actions.
 - Living and modeling Catholic values and a Catholic lifestyle
 - Participating in professional and spiritual growth activities

5. **The role of an excellent Catholic teacher is to contribute to a spirituality of communion by:**
 - Fostering positive interpersonal relationships among students and staff to promote a Sense of mutual trust and belonging.
 - Striving to identify and call forth the individual gifts of students and inviting them to put those gifts at the service of the common good.
 - Building partnerships with the home and parish in an effort to create an inclusive, holistic and hospitable Catholic school community.