

For our local community and its needs, that we may be witnesses to the love and mercy of Christ as we love our neighbors as ourselves, we pray to the Lord. R.

For human dignity, that the school may become a place where social justice is not only learned, but lived through works of mercy, we pray to the Lord. R.

For the gift of Catholic Education, that all who attend this school may grow in faith, wisdom and grace, we pray to the Lord. R.

For people who call on the name of the Lord Jesus in their sufferings that they may experience God's healing power, we pray to the Lord. R.

For the students, staff and families that will be served by St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy, that through this community of faith and learning they may become good and faithful stewards of God's gifts, we pray to the Lord. R.

**Prayer of Blessing** Bishop Paul Terrio

Lord God almighty,

in your kindness hear our prayers.

Bless this soil and those here present.

Grant that those who come here as students, teachers and staff, may always search for the wisdom that guides the Christian life, and strive wholeheartedly to stand by Christ as their teacher, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer** Bishop Paul Terrio

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say. Our Father...

**Final Blessing** Bishop Paul Terrio

Bow your heads, and pray for God's blessing:

May God, who is mercy and love, fill your hearts with love and teach you to be good stewards.

R. Amen.

May Christ, the Great Teacher, enlighten you with wisdom and knowledge.

R. Amen.

May the Holy Spirit, the spirit of Grace, make you Holy and whole.

R. Amen.

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you forever.

R. Amen

Remain in the Peace of Christ.

R. Thanks be to God.

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**Welcome**

## St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy Sod Turning Ceremony

February 19, 2019

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

980 Westwinds Drive,  
Morinville, AB

*The formal program will take place outside.  
Please dress warmly and wear comfortable footwear.*



## Program

**Welcome Remarks** - David Keohane, Superintendent of Schools

**Treaty 6 Acknowledgement**

**Singing of O'Canada** - École Notre Dame School Choir

**Acknowledgement of Ceremonial Blessing** - J. Becigneul, Board Chair

**Blessing of the Land (Drumming & Smudging)** - Alexander First Nation

**Presentation of Gifts** - Board of Trustees

**Liturgy and Blessing** - Bishop Paul Terrio, Archdiocese of St. Paul

### Presentations

#### Dignitary Remarks

**Honourable Minister of Education, David Eggen**  
Greetings on behalf of the Government of Alberta

**Glenn van Dijken, MLA, Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock**  
Greetings on behalf of the Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock Constituency

**Barry Turner, Mayor, Town of Morinville**  
Greetings on behalf of the Town of Morinville

**Serena Shaw, President, ACSTA**  
Greetings on behalf of the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association

**Joe Becigneul, Chair, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools**  
Greetings on behalf of Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools

#### Sod Turning and Ceremonial First Dig

**Closing Song** – École Notre Dame School Choir

*Please join us at McDonald's following the ceremony  
for coffee, hot chocolate, and pastries.*

## Liturgy and Blessing

**Opening Song:** Holy Ground

**Greeting:** Bishop Paul Terrio

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

Peace be with you.

R. And with your Spirit.

**Collect** Bishop Paul Terrio

Loving and Merciful Creator,

We thank you for bringing us together to celebrate this new beginning for the future St Kateri Tekakwitha Academy. Through her profound faith and trust in you O God, St Kateri inspired many within her community, and throughout North America. May her life of holiness continue to inspire believers today. We thank you for having given us this young woman as a model of Christian life. May the seeds of faith to be sown on this soil, bring forth much fruit to transform our community, and build your kingdom. We ask these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

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**Word of God** (Matthew 5:13-16)

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your Spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Reflection:** Bishop Paul Terrio

Prayer of the Faithful

Bishop Paul Terrio: Let us bring our needs before God our Heavenly Father.

Reader: The response to each intention is, "Lord Hear our Prayer"

R. Lord Hear Our Prayer

For the Church, that she may lead us in holiness and unity, so that we may recognize the happiness to which we are called. We pray to the Lord. R.

For the search for truth, that we may be attentive to the Word and the Church, and may be partakers in that same spirit. We pray to the Lord. R.

*See over...*