



Telling Our Story

11 Neaning Students decorate Christmas bags for the imprisoned.

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**Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools**



District Religious Education Update

For GSACRD schools, November was a time for Spiritual Works of Mercy - as students prayed for the living and the dead. November sees students praying in many ways; for All Saints and All Souls, for Catholic Education Sunday, for the deceased in local cemeteries, for victims of war and violence during Remembrance Day liturgies, and for the feast day of our district patron saint, St. Albert the Great. In December the focus includes more Corporal works of Mercy. The season of waiting is also a season of reflecting the light of Christ for the poor and vulnerable. Come Lord Jesus; into our hearts and into a world that waits in joyful hope.

God Bless,

-Colin Loiselle, Religious Education Consultant,
Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools

Elementary School Updates

Albert Lacombe School

Albert Lacombe School celebrated their faith retreat, Home, Sweet Home, at the start of Advent. During the retreat, the students created Christmas decorations to share with their adopted ministries, Karios House and St. Joseph's House. The school is also working on two Christmas projects. The first is the Annual Skip-a-thon for the Heart and Stroke Foundation; the students hope to raise \$5000 and out-do the \$4700 they raised last year. The school is also involved in a "Socks for the Homeless" drive, which will be donated to shelters in Edmonton.



Vital Grandin Catholic Elementary Students visit their reading buddies at Youville Home.

Bertha Kennedy Catholic School

Bertha Kennedy Catholic School ran their annual Toonies for Turkeys social justice campaign to assist less fortunate families over the Christmas season raising money for the St. Albert Kinettes Christmas hampers.

The grade two students have really taken what Luke says in one of his passages, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same" by collecting Canadian Tire money in order to purchase microwaves for St. Vincent de Paul.

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Sister Alphonse Academy participate in the "Give from the Heart" project to provide hope and support to new Canadian families.

École Father Jan

Students at École Father Jan visited residents at the Youville Home and with a partner participated in a drumming circle. It was an opportunity to serve those in our community and share our time and talents with others. As good shepherds, students also participated in a community garage sale by donating clothes, toys, and gently used items to raise funds for La Salle Shelter and to put a collection together for St. Vincent de Paul.



Jesse Tree at École Marie Poburan.

École Marie Poburan

Led by our grade four students, École Marie Poburan collected food to make Christmas Cheer Hampers for families at Sifton School in Edmonton. For many years, staff and students have prepared these food hampers for our friends nearby who are less fortunate. Students also filled up Jesse trees with touques, mitts and socks. All of these items will be donated to the homeless in Edmonton.

Legal School

Students at Legal School were led by our Chaplain through church tours where students learned more about the artifacts, traditions, history and structure of our church. Students were also able to explore parts of the church they may not normally get to enter; such as the Sacristy and the Sanctuary. The tours were a wonderful opportunity to see the church in a different way and enliven the faith of our students.

Junior/Senior High School Updates



Richard S. Fowler Student decorate Christmas bags for inmates at the Remand Centre.

Richard S. Fowler Catholic Junior High School

Staff and students at Richard S. Fowler Catholic Junior High School have been busy this Advent season with several service projects including collecting socks for the homeless, preparing Christmas bags for the prisoners at the Edmonton Remand Centre, and collecting soup for the Kinette Christmas Hampers.



Morinville Community High School students decorating at the Seniors Lodge.

Morinville Community High School

Morinville Community High School Student Council spread some cheer at Aspen House by helping to decorate multiple trees as well as set up ceramic Christmas village. They also began a 12 days of giving project to collect food & toiletries for the Morinville Food Bank and Gift Cards for local youth.

In addition our Fashion Studies class sewed SNUG bags which benefited "Project Snug," - a program through Métis Child and Family Services that builds relationships with street workers to encourage them to seek rehabilitation and escape from high risk lifestyles.

