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## **Sod Turning for Sister Alphonse Academy Honors a 150 Year Legacy of Excellence!**

### ***For Immediate Release***

November 9, 2016 (St. Albert, Legal, Morinville) Today, Greater St. Albert Catholic School officials will be joined by dignitaries, project, and community partners, along with the inspiring voices of the Vital Grandin School Choir to take the first ceremonial dig on construction of Sister Alphonse Academy.

Sister Alphonse Academy, scheduled to open in January 2018, honors the namesake of the founding members of faith based education in the province, the Sisters of Charity (more commonly known as the Grey Nuns). *“Sister Alphonse was the first teacher in the District who was an exemplary model of community service through witnessing our Catholic faith,”* comments Board Chair, Serena Shaw. *“The opening of Sister Alphonse Academy will serve as a legacy for many students, families and the community for years to come, much like the Grey Nuns did for our community over the past 150 years.”*

This is the first school the District has built since J.J. Nearing Catholic Elementary School in Deer Ridge opened in 1998. The school is expected to address current and future growth in St. Albert. Currently, the District is inviting community feedback on programming and attendance areas for the school. The school will open for grades K – 9, and announcements regarding programs and boundaries will be made in Spring 2017 following the consultation process. The ceremony will take place today from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Jensen Lakes development, NW quadrant of St. Albert where the school will be built.

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