

Dear *Parents for Choice in Education*,

Thank you for sharing your recent questionnaire. I appreciate the time, thought, and intention behind it, as well as the opportunity to reflect on matters of faith and education.

After careful consideration and prayerful discernment, I've found that many of the questions invite deep reflection that cannot be fully addressed within a limited format. In order to honor the complexity of these topics—and to remain true to my conscience—I have chosen not to respond in a way that might oversimplify or misrepresent my views.

The Catholic Church teaches us to respect the dignity of conscience, and it is in that spirit that I offer this response. I remain deeply committed to living out our Catholic faith with integrity, charity, and respect for all.

Calgary Catholic School District holds a special place in my heart. Over the past 30 years, I have been privileged to serve this beautiful district, and I continue to do so with great care and responsibility as a Trustee.

Catholic education is a partnership rooted in the family. Parents and guardians are the first and foremost educators of their children. Our schools are called to support that sacred role. Catholic education is a partnership, and we must continue to support families as they guide their children in faith, learning, and life.

A word close to my heart is **accompaniment**. In today's complex and fast-changing world, I believe it is essential that Catholic schools be places where parents, students, and staff are listened to, respected, and supported. Just as Jesus walked with His disciples, we too are called to walk together—with patience, empathy, and hope.

At **Calgary Catholic School Board**, our key priorities remain: Student success, Well-being, Indigenous education, and at the center: **faith formation**

A Catholic trustee serves as both a representative and a guardian of our faith-based education system. Through prayerful listening, thoughtful advocacy, and Gospel-rooted leadership, we work to ensure that Catholic education remains vibrant, inclusive, and firmly grounded in our shared values.

If you would like to learn more about my background, platform, and vision, I invite you to visit my website at www.trusteeMT.ca Please feel free to share this with your members.

It has been a true honour to serve our Catholic schools and families, and I am deeply committed to continuing this important work. I look forward to building stronger relationships and advocating for Catholic education across **Wards 4, 7, and Airdrie** as School Board Trustee for the Calgary Catholic School District.

I trust this email is received in the spirit of mutual respect and shared faith. Please continue to keep our students, families, and educators in your prayers, especially as we hope for a timely and positive resolution to the ongoing negotiations.

Thank you, and God bless, MT

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