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A message from Debbie Engel, Chair of the Board of Trustees and Joan Carr, Superintendent, Edmonton Catholic Schools:

Catholic Education Sunday, November 1, 2009, gives us the opportunity to reflect on the importance of Catholic education and how we are unique – beginning with Jesus Christ who is the foundation for life, curriculum and culture of Catholic schools.

It is a time to pause and reflect on how we need to preserve this sacred gift of Catholic education.

The Minister of Education, the Honorable Dave Hancock, is currently opening the Alberta *School Act* and making changes to it. He is requesting input from Albertans as soon as possible. This is an excellent opportunity to let the Minister know that we value and support Catholic education in our province. Please take a few minutes in the next week to call, email, or write to the Minister, your own MLA or the Premier. Your message could include ideas such as:

- Catholic education governed by Catholic elected trustees in Catholic school districts needs to be preserved and protected.
- Catholic school boards and districts should be accorded exactly the same rights and entitlements as public school boards and districts within any new legislation.

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