

## **CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

As principals and educational leaders in a Catholic School System, it is important that we be mindful of who we are as a Catholic School System and why we exist.

Our school system's main purpose for being is the teaching of the Catholic Church. Saskatoon Catholic Schools participate in the mission of the Church through its stated goals, ideals, programs, staff and expectations. The school principal is key to accomplishing that mission.

To be effective it is essential that principals know and understand the mission of the school division. The Mission Statement has been developed and approved with the community, guided by the Spirit, in order to serve the community.

The Mission Statement is a living document – one that is adaptable to changing circumstances, yet rooted in the truths of Catholic Education.

The principal is central to articulating the mission to staff and assisting them to consider ways to think about the fundamental goals of the school division and the importance of being responsive to the needs of students, the expectations of parents and participation in the life of the Church and community.

Catholic education is distinctive in that it calls for the continued renewal and dedication to a Christ-centered vision of human development and social relationship.