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**PROCLAMATION/PASTORAL LETTER  
SASKATCHEWAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS  
RE: WORLD CATHOLIC EDUCATION DAY  
MAY 21 2009**

The Saskatchewan Catholic Bishops would like to recognize Thursday, May 21, 2009 as World Catholic Education Day. On this day we celebrate the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic Education in the lives of people around the world.

In Saskatchewan we are blessed with a constitutional right to publicly funded Catholic education. Through our 9 Catholic school divisions we educate over 35,000 students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 in 120 Catholic schools.

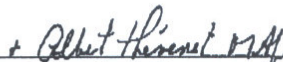
This day is proclaimed to focus our attention on the value of Catholic Schools in providing a holistic education in a faith filled environment to nurture the faith of our children. We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all the partners in Catholic education including trustees, administrators, teachers, support staff, pastors, parish ministers, parish teams and parents for supporting our children in their journey home to God through the gift of Catholic Education.

We invite all members of the Catholic community to a greater awareness of the contribution of Catholic schools to the mission of the Church. We ask each of you to pray for the continued success of our Catholic schools as we strive to support our students in their life long faith journey.

We urge all people in the Catholic community of Saskatchewan to recognize Thursday May 21, 2009 as a time of prayer and thanksgiving for the wonderful gift of Catholic Education.

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Most Rev. Daniel J. Bohan  
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Most Rev. Albert LeGault  
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