

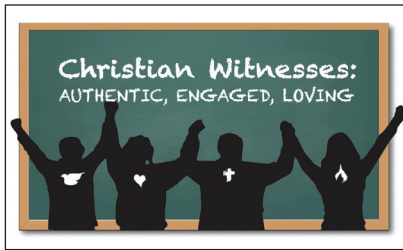


ACSTA HAPPENINGS

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE ALBERTA CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

February 2013

S.P.I.C.E. 2013 – Registration is Open! (www.acsta.ab.ca/conferences/spice)



Join us for an unique faith experience at S.P.I.C.E. 2013 (Sharing Purpose in Catholic Education): Raising a Faithful, Engaged and

Innovative Generation.

Society has a number of reasons it blames education for the ills of today's young people. However, the true reason is often missed. We're no longer asking schools to just educate our children. We're asking schools to educate AND raise them. All of this within an adult culture of convenience -- in both religious community and ethical values -- and a global economy in major transition from the Information Age to an Age of Innovation.



Keynote speaker Jerry Goebel's talks will focus on both symptomatic causes and pragmatic responses to the need to engage our young people early and continuously while simultaneously preparing them to live a Gospel-Centered life in an "Innovation Economy."

For more information and to register visit: www.acsta.ab.ca/conferences/spice

Blueprints 2013 – Registration is now open! (www.acsta.ab.ca/conferences/blueprints)



Join us for an exceptional faith experience at Blueprints 2013: Spiritual Wisdom for Ordinary Christians.

Your insights are in sight at Blueprints. Our world is filled with signs posts telling us to

go this way and that way, arrows leading us in all directions, but which road do we choose? There are so many paths to take, which one is the path that God intended for us? The choice may be easier than we think. We are all filled with Christian wisdom, the key is to begin recognize and listen to that wisdom inside of us. Please join us on a journey where we find our own Christian wisdom in the everyday.



Blueprints 2013 is excited to have back leading Catholic scholar Dr. Richard Gaillardetz. Recognizing that we are intricately rooted in creation and influenced by it, Dr. Gaillardetz's talks will draw on biblical readings, popular culture and literature. Dr. Gaillardetz's engaging presentations will immerse Blueprints participants in an exciting exploration that will fill their hearts and minds with wisdom. Blueprints 2013 promises to be a thought-provoking opportunity for participants to enliven their faith.

For more information and to register visit: www.acsta.ab.ca/conferences/blueprints



ACSTA Member Board Good News Stories

“And he said to them,
“Go into all the world and
proclaim the good news
to the whole creation.”



Year of Faith: 2011 – 2012 ACSTA Annual Report

Celebrate a year of successful advocacy, communications, faith development and governance with the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association. Explore all our activities for the past in year in our annual report at www.acsta.ab.ca/publications/annualreport

2013 Municipal Election Preparation Underway

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic school trustee in Alberta?



Mark your calendar! The ASBA is hosting a series of sessions across the province to provide those interested in running for the position of school trusteeship with the information needed to run for election. More information on the ASBA sessions can be found on the ASBA website at [Become a school trustee](#).

In addition, the ACSTA will be publishing its guidebook and pamphlet to *Becoming a Catholic School Trustee* in the upcoming months. Watch our website over this month for further information.

Across Alberta and the Northwest Territories, member boards of the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association are excelling in faith, academic, athletic, and innovative programming. Check out what is happening across the province and into the Northwest Territories on our new blog Good News Stories (www.acsta.ab.ca/good-news).

This month features stories from Calgary Catholic School District and Yellowknife Catholic School District.

A Catholic school must be a place where all knowledge and relationships are transformed by questions of meaning, by the quest for meaning. We must have a profound respect for what is all too often repressed in this culture—the quiet voice which expresses the infinite desire of each person for God. (This Moment of Promise, p. 16 Ontario Catholic Bishops)