

## #Love can change the world

In the 2019-20 school year, the Prince Albert Catholic School Division has embraced the spiritual theme of “Our Catholic faith is filled with Love”. We know that God is the source of our Love and that Love is the greatest power that humans have. Love can bring about tremendous change in our ourselves, our country, and in our world. That is why we believe love can change the world (#love can change the world).

In this year where we embrace love, our challenge is to find concrete ways to share God’s love with others. As we embrace love, we read in scriptures that we have a role to play in respecting one’s dignity, to helping the poor, and caring for each other. Our Catholic faith also provides for us the Catholic Social Teachings which help us focus on following the greatest commandments to Love God and each other.

As a Catholic School Division, we are proud of the work we do around the Catholic Social Teachings. It is always a priority for our staff to keep in mind the Catholic Social Teachings then report any tasks or projects that fit into one of the seven categories. We are extremely proud of the fact that for the past four years, we have seen an increase in the number of reported Catholic Social Teachings happening in our schools and classrooms. For example, in the 2015-16 school year, we had 2364 Catholic Social Teaching projects reported. In 2016-17 school year, we had 2391 projects. In 2017-18, there were 3333 projects reported, and in the 2018-19 school year, there were 3971 projects reported!

As we focus on the spiritual theme of Love, and concrete ways to share God’s love centered around the Catholic Social Teachings we know that love can change the world. This year we started our vision and values sessions by focusing on better understanding the Catholic Social Teachings. Each month our staff will explore a different Catholic Social Teaching to see how it applies to the school and classroom. As we embrace the spiritual value of love, we hope to find that love can change the world. We encourage you to check out **#lovecanchangetheworld** and **#PrinceAlbertCatholicSchools** on Instagram! Thank you to Bishop Albert Thevenot for presiding our school opening mass for staff and helping us to launch our school year focus.



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