



**2025**  
**Julian Paslawski Meritorious**  
**Service and Appreciation**  
**Awards Ceremony**  
**&**  
**Banquet**

*In honour of contributions  
to Catholic Education  
in the Province of Saskatchewan*

***Saturday, October 18, 2025***

*Church of Our Lady  
566 Vaughan Street  
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan*

# **Awards Ceremony & Banquet**

**Cocktails and Dinner - 6:00 p.m.**

**Master of Ceremonies:**

Michelle Rusteika, SCSBA Vice President

**Welcome Introductions**

**Grace**

**Banquet**

**Greetings**

- ◆ **Archbishop Donald J. Bolen**, Archdiocese of Regina
- ◆ **Megan Patterson**, MLA for Moose Jaw Wakamow,  
on behalf of the Hon. Everett Hindley, Minister of Education
- ◆ **Harry Salm**, President, CCSTA
- ◆ **Kelly Whalen**, President, ACSTA
- ◆ **Shawn Davidson**, President, Sask. School Boards Association

## **Awards Ceremony**

***Appreciation Award***

Monsignor Maurice Fiolleau

Deacon Joe Lang

Lyndon Linklater

***Julian Paslawski Meritorious Service Award***

Sean Chase

# SCSBA 2025 Appreciation Award



## Monsignor Maurice Fiolleau

The Prince Albert Roman Catholic School Division and Board of Education were deeply honoured to nominate our Vicar General, Monsignor Maurice Fiolleau, for the prestigious Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association Appreciation Award.

Since 1991, Monsignor has faithfully served our schools, families, and broader community. His ministry has spanned roles as Deacon, Priest, Vicar, Pastoral Assistant, Chaplain, and committee member, each marked by compassion, joy, and a deep commitment to Catholic education. His recent appointment as Monsignor by Papal decree is a testament to his distinguished service and faithful witness to the Church.

Monsignor's impact is felt in every corner of our school division. He has nurtured parish-school connections through sacramental preparation, pastoral councils, and pilgrimage leadership. His chaplaincy has extended to hospitals, care homes, religious communities, and all seven of our schools—touching the lives of over 3,000 students, 350 staff and their families.

Whether celebrating youth liturgies, supporting Indigenous ceremonies, or offering comfort in times of grief, Monsignor brings a gracious presence of deep spiritual faith. His leadership has helped welcome new families, students, staff, religious and priests, and strengthened the bonds between home, school, and parish. Through his tireless service, Monsignor has left an enduring impact on Catholic education and our Catholic community.

# SCSBA 2025 Appreciation Award

## Deacon Joe Lang



Deacon Joe Lang has been a cornerstone of Catholic education in Saskatchewan, dedicating decades of service as a teacher, chaplain, Religious Education Consultant, and parish deacon. His vocation has always been centered on faith, compassion, and building community. Through his ministry, he has inspired students, staff, families, and provincial partners, leaving a legacy of leadership rooted in Gospel values.

At Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School, Joe served as a Christian Ethics teacher and chaplain, nurturing students with guidance, humour, and faith. As Religious Education Consultant for Regina Catholic Schools, he integrated Catholic teaching into all aspects of school life and supported staff through professional development, liturgies, and retreats. He led countless student and staff retreats that combined deep spirituality with practical wisdom, offering meaningful opportunities for prayer, reflection, and faith formation.

Joe also played a significant provincial role in Catholic curriculum development, collaborating with publishers and providing feedback to ensure resources reflected authentic Catholic teaching. He represented Catholic education through service on diocesan and provincial committees, chaired the Catholic Education Communicators of Saskatchewan (CECAS), and supported SCSBA in strengthening faith permeation resources.

His leadership extended to initiatives that foster dignity and belonging. He was instrumental in assisting the bishops with the *Pastoral Guide to Support Students in the Development and Understanding of their Sexuality*. Within Regina Catholic Schools, he helped launch the *Safer Spaces Tree* initiative, a symbol of growth and inclusion rooted in the principle: “We love and support each person. Regina Catholic Schools is working together to create safer spaces for all.”

Known for his kindness, humour, and approachable nature, Joe brought joy into classrooms, board offices, parish communities, and provincial gatherings. His pastoral presence offered comfort during tragedy, strength in moments of difficulty, and laughter that reminded communities of God’s joy and love. Students and staff alike were drawn to his ability to balance seriousness with levity and faith with everyday life. He leaves behind a Catholic education community strengthened in faith, hope, and love, and more deeply committed to welcoming and valuing every person.

# SCSBA 2025 Appreciation Award

## Lyndon Linklater



Lyndon J. Linklater is a traditional knowledge keeper, storyteller, and respected leader who has dedicated his life to education, reconciliation, and cultural awareness. His work embodies the Gospel values of truth, justice, compassion, and hope, which are central to Catholic education.

A citizen of the Thunderchild First Nation in Treaty 6, with family roots in Couchiching First Nation in Treaty 3, Lyndon has a background in Indian Social Work, Indian Studies, and Law. Growing up in the Catholic faith and attending Catholic schools gave him a strong foundation in Catholic traditions. He draws on this experience to build bridges between Catholic spirituality and First Nations teachings, inspiring students, staff, and communities to walk together in understanding.

Lyndon serves as Traditional Knowledge Keeper for both Holy Family and Holy Trinity Catholic School Divisions, where he engages directly with students, leads professional development for staff, and provides ongoing guidance to Boards of Education and senior leadership. His work has strengthened relationships and brought reconciliation to life in Catholic classrooms and communities.

At the provincial level, Lyndon has spoken at Opening Days and professional development events for Catholic divisions and contributed to the SCSBA AGM & Convention. He is a valued member of the SCSBA Indigenous Leadership Team, where he helped develop the SCSBA Video Series and Indigenous Teachings Handbook, resources that continue to shape Catholic education across Saskatchewan. Beyond schools, Lyndon serves as Indigenous Relations Advisor at the Remai Modern Art Museum and is the longest-serving member of the Office of the Treaty Commissioner's Speakers' Bureau, sharing wisdom on treaties, history, and reconciliation with tens of thousands.

Through his lifelong dedication to education, faith, and reconciliation, Lyndon has left a profound legacy of hope, unity, and understanding.

***SCSBA***  
***Julian Paslawski***  
***Meritorious Service***  
***Award***

Beginning in 1982, this award was simply called the Meritorious Service Award. It honours individuals who have made a highly significant contribution to Catholic Education in the Province of Saskatchewan. In 2006, it was re-named the Julian Paslawski Meritorious Service Award to honour the outstanding service of long-time Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association (SCSBA) Executive Director Julian Paslawski. He began his tenure in 1987 and continued his service until his retirement in 2007. During that time, he guided the association through enormous changes to education in the Province of Saskatchewan.

He facilitated the amalgamation of Catholic divisions from more than 20 to the eight divisions we have today. Along the way he supported the formation of a number of new Catholic school divisions prior to their later amalgamation with larger divisions. He coordinated the incorporation of the Catholic Section of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association into the SCSBA in 2006. His work maintaining relationships with politicians and bureaucrats was legendary. He was awarded the 1998 Meritorious Service Award and in 2008 he received the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association's highest honour, the Justice James Higgins Award, for outstanding leadership in Catholic Education in Canada.



# Julian Paslawski Meritorious 2025 Service Award

## Sean Chase

On behalf of Regina Catholic Schools and Holy Trinity Catholic School Division, we proudly celebrate Mr. Sean Chase as the recipient of the SCSBA Julian Paslawski Meritorious Service Award.

With over three decades in Catholic education, Sean has dedicated his life to Catholic education with vision, faith, and an unwavering belief in the dignity of every person. His journey from classroom teacher to Director of Education was marked by innovation and a relationship-first approach that touched students, staff, parishes, and communities alike. Sean never lost sight of the truth that authentic leadership begins with authentic connection—whether sitting on the floor with a student, encouraging a colleague, or walking alongside a custodian in the school hallways.

Sean championed parish engagement, nurtured the God-given strengths of each staff member, and inspired them to grow in both their professional and faith journeys. He was a pioneer in embedding diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility, and Truth and Reconciliation into Catholic education—introducing division-wide DEIA training, creating the first DEIA Lead role in a school division, and launching the RCSD “Safer Spaces” initiative. Symbolized by the “Safer Spaces Tree,” this initiative reflects the message: *“We love and support each person, working together to create safer spaces for all.”*

Sean’s leadership also extended provincially, where he co-facilitated DEIA formation and dialogue with the Archdiocese, clergy, trustees, and Catholic partners across Saskatchewan. He played a key role in developing the Bishops’ *Pastoral Guide to Support Students in the Development and Understanding of their Sexuality*, offering faithful and compassionate guidance to support students and families. Today, as Executive Director of Student Assessment and Supports with the Ministry of Education, Sean continues to shape education across Saskatchewan with the same servant leadership that defined his Catholic career.

His faith, vision, and care have left a lasting mark on Catholic education—and his legacy will continue to inspire generations.





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