

SASKATCHEWAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

AGM and
Conference

CATHOLIC EDUCATION: TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

Friday, October 23 to
Sunday, October 25, 2026

SHERATON CAVALIER HOTEL
612 SPADINA CRES. E
SASKATOON SK



ROY PETITFILS

Catholic Author
and Speaker



DARCIE LICH

Lay Associate
Missionary Oblates of
Mary Immaculate



MARK MATTHEWS

AI Research
Scientist



HARRY LAFOND

Deacon and
Cree Elder



hosted by



**GREATER
SASKATOON
CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS**

REGISTER NOW!

Registration:

\$600.00 per person for Trustees and Directors of Education

\$460.00 per person for CECAS Members, Teacher/Faith Facilitators and Guest/Others fee

(Includes all conference activities and meals. Saturday evening banquet ticket not included.)

\$200.00 per person for Clergy attending

(Registration fee is to cover meal costs for Friday to Sunday. Saturday evening banquet ticket not included)

\$140.00 per ticket for Awards Ceremony & Banquet Saturday, October 24, 2026

Sheraton Cavalier Hotel :To book hotel online, link [HERE](#)
Use "SCO" when calling direct 306-652-6770

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

5:30-6:30 pm: registration
6:30 pm: welcome & prayer
6:45 pm: keynote by Roy Petitfils
8:15 pm: social and fellowship

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:00-8:30 am: breakfast
8:30-9:30 am: plenary session
with Roy Petitfils
9:30-10:30 am: plenary session
with Darcie Lich
10:30 am: break
10:45-12:00 pm: plenary session
with Mark Matthews
12:00-1:00 pm: lunch
1:00-2:30 pm: SCSBA AGM
2:30-4:30 pm: free time
5:00-6:00 pm: Mass at
St. Paul's Co-Cathedral
6:30 pm: reception
7:00-9:00 pm: awards
ceremony & banquet
9:00 pm: social/networking

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:00-9:00 am: breakfast &
check-out
9:00-9:30 am: travel to
awâsisak kâ-nîmîhtocik
St. Francis School
9:30-10:00 am: presentation by
Deacon Harry Lafond
10:00-11:30 am: school
presentation & tours
11:30-12:00 noon: boxed lunch
(provided)

Safe travels!

ROY PETITFILS

**Hope Has a Hallway: How Everyday
Encounters in Catholic Schools Change the World**

Roy has worked with young people for the last 30 years as a youth minister, campus minister, teacher, school administrator, school counselor and now as a psychotherapist in private practice. He is an internationally recognized expert in understanding and reaching teenagers. He consults with schools, churches and other organizations across the world who seek to effectively reach and influence today's teens. Prior to becoming a counselor, Roy studied ministry and spirituality for five years both in the US and in Rome, Italy. He received his MS in Mental Health Counseling from the University of Louisiana, Lafayette.

DARCIE LICH

**I Thought I'd Be Better at This by Now:
Confessions of an Unfinished Disciple**

Darcie is a Catholic educator, administrator, and formation leader with decades of experience in K-12 education, adult formation, retreats, and system-level leadership. She is a Lay Associate of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate and holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Education and a Master of Religious Education, along with certificates in Pastoral Care and Indigenous Pastoral Lay Ministry. A speaker, writer, and professional musician with a heart for messy discipleship, she brings humour, honesty, and disarming candor to conversations about faith, vocation, and mission.

MARK MATTHEWS

**AI Myths and Realities: How Catholics Should
Navigate the Coming Revolution**

Born and raised on the Canadian prairies and a graduate of Holy Cross High School in Saskatoon, Mark is an AI Research Scientist for a pre-eminent technology company. He works on generative AI technologies that create realistic videos, capture worlds in 3D, and let you to unlock your phone with your face.

During his 10 years at DreamWorks Animation as a visual FX expert, he received two DreamWorks Technical Achievement Awards for his volume rendering and hair modeling systems and has been awarded a patent for hair data compression. He holds 22 film credits.

DEACON HARRY LAFOND

Reconciliation in Action at awâsisak kâ-nîmîhtocik St. Francis School

Harry Lafond is a member and Elder of Muskeg Lake Cree Nation, where he served as chief for 10 years, then Director of Education. He served as the Executive Director at the Office of the Treaty Commissioner for more than a decade. Harry is a Scholar in Indigenous Education at St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon. In 2020, he was ordained as a Permanent Deacon in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert.



hosted by

