

Litany for Catholic Schools Week (As prepared by St. Alphonsus School)

This week is set aside to celebrate Catholic Education. At our school we are excited to celebrate our school and all our sister schools where students can learn and grow academically, emotionally and spiritually in a faith-filled environment.

Catholic Schools have a long history in Manitoba. In fact, Catholics schools were here before Manitoba even became a province. Missionaries came to this area to set up healthcare and to provide education for the children of the fur trade. Over the years, the number of Catholic schools grew and reached its highest numbers during the 1960s, where many parishes had a Catholic school as part of its ministry.

Over the years, interest in Catholic schools declined and rebounded. Today there are 18 Catholic Schools in the city of Winnipeg. Thirteen of these schools are parochial or parish schools, just like our school. Four of the schools are operated or affiliated with a religious order. St. Boniface Diocesan High School is owned the Archdiocese of St. Boniface. This year there are 5,593 students across the city who attend Catholic Schools.

We wanted to highlight Catholic Schools by sharing this litany with you. Please join us in praying:

Christ the King, *pray for us*

Holy Ghost, *pray for us*

Jesus of the Holy Cross, *pray for us*

St. Gerard, *pray for us*

St. Emile, *pray for us.*

St. Joseph the Worker, *pray for us*

St. Mary, *pray for us*

St. Paul, *pray for us*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, *pray for us*

St. John Brebeuf, *pray for us*

St. Ignatius, *pray for us,*

St. Edward, *pray for us*

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, *pray for us*

St. Maurice, *pray for us*

Our Lady of Victory, *pray for us*

St. Charles, *Pray for us*

St. Boniface, *pray for us*

St. Alphonsus, *pray for us*

All Holy Men and Women, *pray for us.*