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Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association

November 2, 2017

Board Chairs,

As chairperson of the SCSBA Theodore Fundraising Campaign, I am delighted to inform you that the official launch date of the Theodore Fundraising Campaign will be November 14th, 2017. I am pleased to say, after consultation with my committee, and approval from the archbishop, we are prepared to provide the following update and direction regarding our mandate. You will find attached the Committee's Terms of Reference for your information.

The Campaign is divided into two phases:

Phase 1 is Don Gorsalitz's work with major donors.

Phase 2 is the work that will be done by the committee and the Catholic boards of education during the course of the campaign. The collective work we would like all Catholic school divisions to focus on in Phase 2 should be division-based and should include staff, students, parents, board members, and later, parishes. In our effort to not conflict with diocesan appeals, we will wait until December 1 to connect with parishes and Churches. In the interim, we are ready to launch our appeal with all non-parish stakeholders as of November 14th.

Attached you will find a package of the following items that you will find useful before and during the campaign:

- a) A sample letter to parents
- b) Campaign poster to be circulated to schools and division buildings. (Can be circulated to Churches and parish facilities until after December 1, 2017)
- c) Two prayers: the official campaign prayer and one for elementary students.

Feel free to edit materials to reflect your circumstances.

You can expect to receive the official press release from Tom the morning of our launch on November 14th.

We trust that this advanced notice will give you sufficient time to prepare your division-based fundraising efforts. We respect that each division will make this fundraiser a priority that is reflective of each school division's local culture.

Thank you and God Bless!

Sincerely,

Delmer Wagner
Chair of Theodore Fundraising Committee

(Insert Date)

Dear parents/guardians and friends of Catholic Education;

Thank you for choosing Catholic education for your child(ren) and for keeping Catholic Education in your prayers.

We have an update on the Theodore court case ruling. All eight Catholic boards in the province are working together to explore funding the appeal of the decision last April by Justice Layh. We are committed to raising the funds without using operational monies given to us for classrooms. We are asking your help to defray the costs.

As was communicated previously in earlier correspondence, the Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association (SCSBA) set up a website for donations in June: <https://www.catholicedspirit.ca>. We thank those who have already donated.

Since we will be in court by mid-2018, we must now begin an official major fundraising campaign to help us cover present and future legal costs. Our collective goal is to raise \$300,000 to pay for the legal counsel anticipated for both the Saskatchewan Court of Appeals and the potential Supreme Court of Canada. We are optimistic that this goal will be reached with the kindness and generosity of our stakeholders.

We have about 40,000 students in Saskatchewan who attend Catholic schools and we will do whatever is necessary to help protect a parent's **ability** to choose a faith-based Catholic education for their child(ren). We believe in what our Catholic schools have to offer and acknowledge you do as well. We therefore encourage you to consider contributing to our collective challenge **during our Official Fundraising Campaign** beginning November 14. Details on how to donate are at www.rcsd.ca. Tax receipts can be issued for donations.

Lastly, we would like to emphasize that we have been offering Catholic education (not just education to Catholics) for over 125 years in the province of Saskatchewan. By the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we have weathered many storms. We have faith and hope this current situation will be no different. Parents with a genuine desire to access a Catholic education for their children will continue to be welcomed in Catholic schools this year and for many years to come.

Please continue to pray for Catholic education in Saskatchewan.

Blessings in Christ,

(Insert Signature)

Saskatchewan Catholic School Board Association Announces the Theodore Fundraising Campaign

Let's ensure all wanting a Catholic education can attend *Schools You Can Believe In*.



Join in the Campaign to raise \$300,000 needed to appeal the Theodore Judgement.

- When:** November 14 to December 31, 2017
- Where:** Throughout the province: in our homes, schools, churches, and divisions.
- Who:** Students, parents, grandparents, staff, school divisions, parishioners, provincial Catholic organizations, clergy and friends of Catholic Education, including all bishops of Saskatchewan.
- How:** Either drop off a cheque at your local division office, local school or go online at www.catholicedsprit.ca . You may request a receipt for income tax purposes.

Please make your contribution today.

We can do this together!





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Prayer for Catholic Elementary Schools during Theodore Appeal Campaign

Dear Jesus,
Guide and Bless us in our Catholic Schools
Guide our minds so we can learn about you
Bless our hearts so we can love like you
Guide our lips so we can share your Good News
And, bless our hands so we can serve you and one another.

Thank-you Jesus for our Catholic schools
who help us learn about you, our world and ourselves

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus our brother.

Amen





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Prayer for Theodore Appeal Campaign Success

Guide and Bless us, O Loving God, as we strive to build your Kingdom through Catholic Education.

Guide our minds so that we may understand the best path to lead to the success of our mission.

Bless our hearts to burn with the fire of your love for your people, that we continue to be energized to spread your message to our students, their parents and our communities.

Guide our lips that speak of the love You have for us; lips that call together all who wish to take part in Catholic Education.

Bless our hands that do your work; hands that share the riches of your creation and tenderly touch those who seek to know You.

We ask our prayer in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen





SCSBA Fundraising Committee "Catholic Education Matters"

Terms of Reference:

- Collectively develop strategies for SCSBA to help achieve the goal of raising \$300,000 for Theodore Appeal legal costs (thus averting the use of school divisions' operational funds).
- Establish a major SCSBA fundraising campaign structure that will run from November 14, 2017 to December 31, 2017.
- Regularly communicate progress and required actions with Catholic school boards of education.
- Seek official approval and support from our provincial bishops to undertake this work.
- Be cognizant of provincial common best practices and messages but also allow each Catholic school board to respect their local culture.