

## **NAMING OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES**

The naming of school facilities, division properties, and specialized spaces within a school, requires educational partner collaboration, support, and be in alignment with our mission, values, and vision of our school division.

The intention of the name is to support the mission of the Catholic school to be consistent with the mission of the Catholic Church and to establish and deepen the relationship of everyone in the school with the person of Jesus Christ as members of his Body, and the Church. From the name of a Catholic school or educational facilities, the culture and ethos of the school community will evolve.

The Board of Trustees delegates to the Superintendent to develop a process to invite students, staff, community members and trustees to submit suggestions to name schools. The process will involve research and rationale for such naming that includes recognition of the mission, values and vision of the School Division.

### **Guidelines**

1. When considering the naming of educational facilities, the criteria to be followed includes:
  - 1.1 First consideration is given to an aspect of the mystery of Jesus Christ (Christ the King, Good Shepherd, Holy Trinity, Holy Name of Jesus).
  - 1.2 Second consideration, in accordance to Our Lady, who may be named under one of her many titles (Our Lady of Grace) or in relation to her life (Nativity of Our Lady, Assumption of Mary).
  - 1.3 Third consideration, the name of a canonized saint may be considered, since canonization is a declaration to the universal Church that the one canonized is worthy of imitation. The one after whom a school is named is, by that very fact, offered as a model for students. That model must be one of holiness, since the ultimate purpose of a Catholic school is to assist students to live holy lives. While we cannot judge the holiness of another, we rely upon the canonization process for assurance.
  - 1.4 Fourth consideration, the name of a former Pope could be considered or the name associated with heavenly beings such as angels.
  - 1.5 Fifth consideration, the name of a person associated with the founding of Catholic education in Alberta may also be considered, (e.g. Father Lacombe)

provided there has arisen around them a reputation for sanctity and dedication to Christ and His Church.

2. The Archdiocese of Edmonton will be consulted on final names to be brought forth to the community at large.
3. Names of school will not use the possessive form as the name is a dedication and not a possession.
4. Information will be summarized and presented to the Board for consideration and final approval.
5. Final decisions will be published and shared with government officials.
6. Requests for memorial recognition shall be considered as indicated in Administrative Procedure 119.

Reference: Naming of a Catholic School No. 1103, Archdiocese of Edmonton

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