

Evangelizing Young People

HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

Educators must first be evangelized themselves before they can begin to think of evangelizing others. We are all in constant need of being evangelized by God's Word and the celebration of the Sacraments. The Catholic teacher must know personally, love ardently and serve generously Jesus Christ our Lord. Nothing is more fundamental. Without a personal relationship with Christ as the starting point, we don't have Catholic educators. Before Christ can be passed on to others, shared as God wants us to, he must first enter into our own lives.

"You are called to be faith-inspired collaborators in the heart of the Christian community."

BE JOYFUL WITNESSES TO THE GOSPEL

As the Holy Father keeps on telling us, personal "testimony is the beginning of an evangelization which touches the heart and transforms it. Words without testimony do not work; they are useless! Testimony is what brings and validates the word." Young people recognize authenticity. Only if you are open to friendship with Jesus Christ and a life in communion with him that gives joy to your heart can you give the kind of witness that will positively influence your children. As Pope Francis put it in his apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, **"The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus."**

KNOW YOUR STUFF

Because all passing on of the faith is an ecclesial activity, as teachers you have to take pains to ensure that what you are handing on to your students is the Church's faith, and not your own unfounded opinion. This means you need to understand what the Church teaches and that you know how to explain it to young people. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a great tool to learn or brush up on the faith and to prepare yourself to answer any questions that come up, especially the moral questions which confront everyone today.

STICK TO THE CORE MESSAGE

In using catechisms and other materials you would do well to take to heart the advice of our Pope, who repeatedly stresses the need for emphasizing the kerygma or core of the Gospel in handing on the faith. What is this kerygma? The proclamation in word and deed "of God's love, mercy and forgiveness, revealed to us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ." The message is this: **"Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you."** Keep your teaching focused and straightforward. In daily life, repeat to your students in word and by example the good news of "the beauty of the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead."

SHARE EXPERIENCES OF FAITH

Teachers should not be afraid of sharing with their students how they personally experience their own faith journey. In other words, talk to students about what God is doing in your life by sharing with them your own story. And encourage them, without ever imposing on them, to share with you in return. After all, **"What kind of love would not feel the need to speak of the beloved, to point him out, to make him known?"**

PRAY WITH AND FOR YOUR STUDENTS

No discussion on how to evangelize would be complete without an exhortation to pray, to pray with your students and for your students. Teaching young people how to pray—and not assuming that they already know how—is perhaps the most effective way of passing on the faith. By praying together with them, as appropriate to the situation, you accustom students to become aware of God's loving presence in their lives. And when you pray with them, you show that you take your beliefs seriously: that God is truly at the center of your life.

Thank you once again for taking up the challenging but awesome task of being on the front lines of the Church's mission of evangelizing. It is a blessed work that you do, and I – along with countless others – am extraordinarily grateful.

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Teaching in BC

Thank you for your interest in pursuing a career in education in British Columbia and the Catholic Independent Schools Vancouver Archdiocese. We share in the mission of the Church to proclaim and build the Kingdom of God. The Catholic School, as a faith community, is committed to excellence in Catholicity and in all areas that promote the development of the whole child to his or her full potential.

Ministry of Education Teaching Certificate

To teach in a Catholic school in British Columbia applicants are required to have a teaching certificate from the **Teacher Regulation Branch**. You will need this certificate to show that you qualify to work in BC's education sector—that you have the academic qualifications, teaching experience and personal characteristics required for working with children.

How to apply for a Ministry of Education Teaching Certificate

1 Determine if you are applying for a Certificate of Qualification or Independent School Teaching Certificate	
Certificate of Qualification	Independent School Teaching Certificate
Allows you to teach in BC's public and independent schools if you have completed a teacher education program.	Allows you to teach only in BC's independent schools and is restricted to a particular subject area, school system, or school.
2 Obtain the application forms and other documentation online	
www.bcteacherregulation.ca/	www.bced.gov.bc.ca/independentschools/
3 Submit the completed forms and documentation	
Teacher Regulation Branch – Ministry of Education Suite 400 – 2025 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 1Z6 T: 604-660-6060	
Applications are processed in the date order in which they are received. If you are seeking employment that requires a BC Ministry of Education teaching certificate, please submit your application for a certificate as early as possible. In fairness to everyone who applies for a certificate, individual applications cannot be fast-tracked.	



Teaching in the CISVA



46 schools



800 teachers



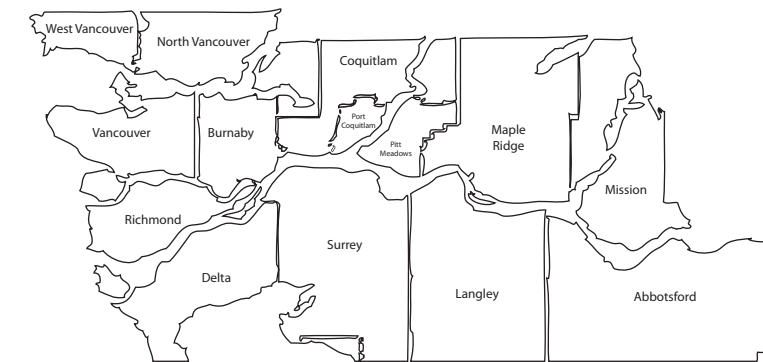
15,500 students

The Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese are group one independent schools, receiving 50% operational funding from the ministry of education. All schools teach the prescribed ministry of education curriculum. Teachers are paid according to qualifications and years of experience. Teachers are also eligible for the Group Benefits Program that provides medical, dental, other extended health benefits, plus a defined contribution (DC) Group Pension Plan.

Teachers interested in making a career with CISVA should apply to the Superintendent's Office. Support staff, including Education Assistants should apply directly to individual schools.

It is the responsibility of each teacher applicant to ensure that the following documents accompany their application. You may download the entire application package at <https://cisva.bc.ca/info/employment>. Please note that applications will be kept on file for two years only.

- o Cover letter
- o Application card
- o Birth certificate
- o Baptismal certificate
- o BC teaching certificate
- o Pastoral reference form (*forwarded directly to Human Resources by the Pastor*)
- o Teaching evaluations / practicum reports from most recent employer or university
- o Curriculum vitae
- o Letter(s) of character reference
- o University transcripts (*photocopies acceptable*)
- o Verification of previous employment
- o Philosophy of Catholic Education



CISVA Schools

CITY / SCHOOL NAME	WEBSITE	CITY / SCHOOL NAME	WEBSITE	CITY / SCHOOL NAME	WEBSITE
ABBOTSFORD					
St. James	K-7 stjameselementary.ca	Holy Trinity	K-7 holyschool.org	Blessed Sacrament	K-7 ess.vancouver.bc.ca
St. John Brebeuf Reg. Sec.	8-12 stjohnbrebeuf.ca	St. Edmund's	K-7 stedmunds.ca	Corpus Christi	K-7 corpuschristi-school.ca
BURNABY					
Holy Cross Elementary	K-7 holycrosselementary.ca	St. Pius X	K-7 saintpius.ca	Immaculate Conception	K-7 icschoolvancouver.com
Our Lady of Mercy	K-7 ourladyofmercy.ca	St. Thomas Aquinas Reg. Sec.	8-12 aquinas.org	Notre Dame Reg. Sec.	8-12 ndrs.org
PORT COQUITLAM					
St. Francis de Sales	K-7 stfrancisdesaleschool.ca	Archbishop Carney Reg.	8-12 acrss.org	Our Lady of Sorrows	K-7 ourladyofsorrows.ca
St. Helen's	K-7 sthelensschool.ca	Our Lady of the Assumption	K-7 assumptionschool.com	St. Andrew's	K-7 standrewschool.ca
St. Michael's	K-7 stmichaelschool.ca	POWELL RIVER			
CHILLIWACK					
St. Mary's	K-7 stmaryschoolchwk.com	Assumption School	K-9 assumpschool.com	St. Anthony of Padua	K-7 stanthonyofpaduaschool.ca
COQUITLAM					
Our Lady of Fatima	K-7 fatimaschool.ca	St. Joseph The Worker	K-7 stjo.richmond.bc.ca	St. Augustine	K-7 staugschool.ca
Queen of All Saints	K-7 queenofallsaintschool.ca	St. Paul's	K-7 stpaulschool.ca	St. Francis of Assisi	K-7 sfaschool.ca
DELTA					
Immaculate Conception	K-7 icdelta.com	St. Bernadette	K-7 stbernadetteparish.ca	St. Francis Xavier	K-7 sfxschool.ca
Sacred Heart	K-7 shdelta.org	Holy Cross Reg. Sec.	8-12 holycross.bc.ca	St. Joseph's	K-7 stjoesschool-vancouver.org
LANGLEY					
St. Catherine's	K-7 stcatherines.ca	Our Lady of Good Counsel	K-7 ourladyofgoodcounselschool.ca	St. Jude's	K-7 stjudevancouver.com
MAPLE RIDGE					
St. Patrick's	K-7 stpatsschool.org	St. Matthew's	K-3 stmatthewselementary.ca	St. Mary's	K-7 stmary.bc.ca
STAR OF THE SEA					
Star of the Sea K-7 starofthesea.bc.ca/school					
WEST VANCOUVER					
St. Anthony's K-7 saswv.ca					

How to Apply

1 APPLICATION

Go to our website: cisva.bc.ca
 ➔ Download our Application Package
 For those of you who are in your practicum year, please submit the Application for Teaching Form, resume, and names of two references.

2 APPROVAL INTERVIEW

All applicants wishing to work in the CISVA must first be approved by the Superintendent's Office. Interviews with the Associate Superintendent of Human Resources will be scheduled once all documents are received.

3 HIRING INTERVIEWS

Principals of individual schools will interview applicants obtained from the Superintendent's Office. Short-listed applicants will be recalled for a second interview with the school's Education Committee.

4 POSITION OFFERED

Of the short-listed applicants, the hiring committee of the school decides the candidate to whom the position will be offered. Contract and other documents are signed at the school level between the applicant and the individual school.

