

OVERVIEW

“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” John 10:10

The Catholic educators of Vancouver Archdiocese have a sacred and privileged call to journey with young people and their families. We seek to bring the Good News of Christ, providing guidance and encouragement in all areas of faith, and in particular in human growth and development.

Each person, made in the image and likeness of God, has inherent worth and dignity. This understanding is our foundation. It is a foundation that supports a consistent ethic regarding sexual maturation and personal growth.

We look with “joyful seriousness”* to our role in supporting students as they faithfully meet the many challenges of maturing. St. Irenaeus tells us that “the glory of God is man fully alive”.

The resource *Human Growth and Development: Made in the Image and Likeness of God* is provided to assist Catholic educators to be faithful and pastoral as they journey with their students.

May God continue to bless our work as we stand in solidarity with our students and their parents within a faith community that calls each of us to abundant life.

* Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, “Pastoral Letter to Young People on Chastity,” updated March 2011.