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Dear Parents and Guardians of Holy Trinity,

First of all, welcome to and welcome back to Holy Trinity Catholic School Division! We are pleased that you have chosen to join our Catholic school community of learners. We anticipate a successful school year for all our students and staff!

Many of you will be aware of the Theodore Case. I would like to take this time to provide a brief review and explain how you can help support Catholic Education in Saskatchewan.

Presently we are able to provide a fully funded Catholic faith-based education to all those who want this choice for their child(ren). This past April, in what is referred to as the Theodore Judgement, Judge Layh ruled that the Government of Saskatchewan should no longer fund the education costs related to non-Catholics attending Catholic schools.

We are pleased that Premier Wall reacted by saying this judgement was “unacceptable”. The Saskatchewan Government has invoked a notwithstanding clause that will defer this judgement for five years and they will appeal this judgement. The Saskatchewan Catholic School Board Association (SCSBA) has announced they will also appeal this decision.

This is good news but it comes with legal costs. The government will cover their appeal’s legal costs. The SCSBA is determined to cover our appeal’s legal costs (\$250,000) without using money from school division operating funds. Catholic school boards want to protect the operating funds as these dollars are used to provide an education to the students in our schools.

An Appeal Fund has been set up on the SCSBA website to collect donations to help pay for the legal costs. Close to 10% of required funds has been raised but we have a ways to go. I am reaching out to you, our valued community, families and friends, to invite you to consider contributing to the appeal at [www.catholicedsprit.ca/](http://www.catholicedsprit.ca/). If you would prefer to donate using a cheque, please contact our Chief Financial Officer, Sandy Gessner, at the Division Office. Her direct line is 306.691.2407. Either way, you will receive a charitable receipt for income tax purposes.

Please contact me at 306.691.2400 if you have any questions. I would be happy to speak with you.

I wish you and your child(ren) a great school year! God Bless!

Geri Hall  
Director of Education  
*Be Joyful in Hope* -Romans 12:12