



News Release

RDCRS creates new screening process for outside presenters

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Red Deer, Alberta Last month during a class at École Secondaire Notre Dame High School, Red Deer & Area Pro-Life presented to Grade 10 students. The intended outcome of this presentation was to teach our students that “human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception,” as explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

It has come to our attention that the presentation by Red Deer & Area Pro-Life contained controversial resources that did not achieve the intended teaching outcome in a suitable manner.

Upon review, our Division has requested that Red Deer & Area Pro-Life make adjustments to their presentation to ensure it is more appropriate for students.

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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools has implemented additional steps in our screening process for outside agencies. Presenters and their materials will be more thoroughly reviewed by school staff and administration.

“With more careful screening practices, our administrators will ensure the contents will be the most suitable for our students. We apologize for any issues this particular presentation may have caused for our students,” said Chairperson, Guy Pelletier of Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools’ Board of Trustees.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 9,500 students in 19 schools in Red Deer, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail and Olds. It also supports the learning of over 600 students in a Home Education Program. The Division is committed to serving children and parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and within the means of the Division.

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