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Community helps choose a name for the new Camrose Catholic high school

Sherwood Park, AB - Elk Island Catholic Schools is excited to announce the name for the new Catholic high school in Camrose. The new Camrose Catholic high school will be named Blessed Carlo Acutis.

The Government of Alberta has selected ACI Architecture Inc. to construct the new school, which will be part of the Valleyview neighbourhood, scheduled to open in fall 2025. Blessed Carlo Acutis Catholic high school will be a welcome addition for Grades 9-12 students living in the community.

"Blessed Carlo Acutis Catholic high school will provide many new and exciting opportunities for high school students in the Camrose community," says board trustee of Camrose, Shelley Charchun. "As the first Millennial Catholic Saint, Blessed Carlo Acutis is a model for all youth. Carlo offers hope to young people wondering how they can live holy lives in this day and age."

This 4720-square-metre Catholic high school, which includes shared facilities with the City of Camrose, will allow our students to reach their full potential through faith and service. The estimated cost of building Blessed Carlo Acutis is approximately \$23 million with a capacity for 460 students. It is set to open its doors to students for the beginning of the 2025-26 school year.

The process for naming Blessed Carlo Acutis Catholic high school included a survey that was sent to staff, parents, students and parishioners to provide their name selections. The Elk Island Catholic Schools Board of Trustees selected the name of the school based on the suggested names. The name was revealed to the Camrose Community the evening of October 21.

Elk Island Catholic Schools will provide updates throughout the project on its website and social media platforms.

About Blessed Carlo Acutis:

Carlo Acutis has a special significance to the community. Carlo lived from 1991-2006, he is a contemporary spiritual model for young people. He was devoted to computers and more so to the Eucharist, developing a website to catalog eucharistic miracles. Blessed Carlo Acutis showed courage in defending those of his peers who were marginalized or abused in school. He faced the pain of leukemia with similar courage.

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