



## NEWS RELEASE

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### EcoJustice students cycle forward for poverty and homelessness

Students enrolled in Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools' EcoJustice program cycled an estimated 460 km on June 13, raising awareness and money to help fight poverty and homelessness in Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Moose Jaw.

Each year, EcoJustice students select a social justice issue they want to address. This year, they choose global issues of poverty and homelessness.

"These are issues that affect people right here in Saskatoon and stretch across the globe," said Mel Sysing, coordinator of the EcoJustice program. "The cycling event raised money that we know will help people in our communities, but we hope it raises awareness too. These are people, and we need to stand in solidarity with them."

Students plan on connecting with schools and organizations in Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Moose Jaw to hear and share stories, and give the funds raised to community services identified by these people.

EcoJustice students will also be hosting a BBQ fundraising event on June 15, 11 am – 1 pm at The Stand Community Organizing Centre, 615 Main Street East.

The EcoJustice program is a place-based, environmental and social justice program taught out of St. Edward School. It immerses 23 students from across the division in problem-based learning, exploring issues of social justice through an environmental lens.

With 44 schools and nearly 17,000 students, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools provides Catholic education from pre-kindergarten through Grade 12, rooting students in their faith, helping them grow in knowledge, and encouraging them to reach out and transform the world.

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