

Greta Derus, Director

She is a daughter of Canada and a granddaughter of Poland. Both her parents were Polish immigrants. They came to Canada after World War II. She was born and raised in Edmonton. Her parents cultivated Polish traditions and celebrations in her home. As a child, she attended the Polish Saturday School. Her love for the Polish language and its culture was further nurtured through summer visits to Poland. She has a Bachelor Degree from the University of Alberta with a Drama/Theatrical Studies major and a double minor in English and Polish. She went to Poland on an advanced course of Polish language and culture at the Catholic University of Lublin. Later she completed a Master's program of Polish language and literature. During this period, she taught English as a second language at the university. The Master's Degree in Polish Philology (language and literature) together with pedagogical preparation enabled her to teach.

Back in Canada, she worked as an ESL Liaison Worker with the Edmonton Catholic School District. Shortly thereafter she was hired on as a teacher. She is currently teaching Junior High students Polish, English, Religion and Drama at the Jan Pawel II Polish-Bilingual Program at St. Basil School.

IHLA has enriched her life. She love languages and being exposed to different cultures. She loves to read, dance, sing and recite. Creating tasty cuisine and enjoying the beauty of nature are also fun hobbies of mine.

She is married and has a beautiful son named Joshua.



Treat others as you wish to be treated- The Golden Rule according to Jesus Christ.