

**PASTORAL PLAN**

**School: St. Andrew Elementary School**

**School Mission Statement:**

**We believe that each member of the St. Andrew School Community is unique and special and has a positive contribution to make to society.**

**We aspire to be living examples of Christ’s message of love, serving as role models in the Christian formation of all members of the community.**

**We endeavor to “touch the hearts and minds of those with whom we work”, and in co-operation with parents and parish priest, we will assist children in their own personal development of faith and their appreciation and understanding of the Gospel values.**

**Together, we will provide a friendly and caring environment, which inspires academic excellence, fosters self-esteem, and promotes respect for others.**

**We believe that education is a life-long process, involving physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual development. To this end, we will strive to promote the full development of children in the image of Christ.**

**School Motto:**  Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM)

**Our Parish:** St. Timothy

**Pastor: *Rev. Luis Calleja***

**Parish website: *www.sttimothyparish.com/***

**Message from the Pastor:**

St. Timothy RC Church assists the students, parents, and staff members of **St Andrew School** to live their baptismal call.  Through our collective efforts, we inspire our community of believers to answer the call to act justly, to love tenderly, to walk humbly, to serve generously and to live peacefully. We invite you and your family to celebrate the Sunday liturgy on: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm, Sunday Masses at 9:00am & 11:00am., as well as praying the Rosary before each Mass and the St. Michael Prayer  after each Mass.    God Bless, Fr Luis Calleja

**Message from the Catholic School Council:**

St. Andrew’sCatholic School Council is an integral part of the school-parish-home connection at St. Andrew. Through collaborative practices, we support many faith-forming and community building initiatives and events, which develop the whole child and contribute to improved student achievement and wellbeing. We look forward to demonstrating our united commitment to Catholic Education.

**Catholic Education:** **We are Many, We are One**

L’éducation catholique: À plusieurs, nous sommes un

**APRIL 30 – MAY 5, 2023**

**Catholic Education Week:**

We are Many, We are One L’éducation catholique: À plusieurs, nous sommes un APRIL 30 – MAY 5, 2023

**Our spiritual quote for Catholic Education Week 2023 is:**

“We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another.” (Romans 12:5) «Nous qui sommes plusieurs, nous sommes un seul corps dans le Christ, et membres les uns des autres.» (Romains 12, 5)

**Scriptural Passages for each day of Catholic Education Week**

**Monday:** When we see / En voyant “Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God.” Matthew 5:8 «Heureux les cœurs purs, car ils verront Dieu.» Matthieu 5, 8

**Tuesday:** When we listen / En écoutant “Be quick to listen and slow to speak.” James 1:19 «Que chacun soit prompt à écouter et lent à parler.» Jacques 1, 19

**Wednesday:** When we reflect / En réfléchissant “I considered these things inwardly, and pondered them in my heart.” Wisdom 8:17 «J’ai raisonné ainsi en moi-même, j’ai pesé dans mon cœur les réflexions que voici...» Sagesse 8, 17

**Thursday:** When we learn / En apprenant “Let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill.” Proverbs 1:5 «Que le sage écoute, il progressera encore, et l’homme intelligent apprendra à diriger.» Proverbes 1, 5

**Friday:** When we act / En agissant “I by my works will show you my faith.” James 2:18 «C’est par mes œuvres que je te montrerai ma foi.» Jacques 2, 18

**Faith Formation:**

*Forming ourselves in our Catholic faith is a foundational element in helping each of us understand and live in the example of Christ.*

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| *School activities that support both adult and student faith formation include:*   * Promote successful partnerships through Pastoral Planning * Celebration of Mass and liturgical events within the community (**celebrations** until we are permitted to gather as a school community) * Invite Father Calleja to record messages that can be shared with our St. Andrew School Community **via email blast or School Messenger** until we are permitted to gather once again (e.g. Thanksgiving Blessing). * Morning prayer reflections and liturgies throughout the year * Classrooms have a sacred space for individual prayer opportunities, focus for class celebrations * Peace Garden serves as places of gathering and reflection (social distancing in effect) * Daily Religion and Family Life Education * Informal living and teaching of our faith occurs throughout our day in our treatment and respect of others * Virtues Program * Adult and Youth Faith Ambassador * Student and staff led community projects (e.g., Terry Fox) * Staff focus on faith life of the school at monthly staff meetings * Elevate the **DPCDSB Road Map to Mental Health** * Sacramental preparation for grade 2 and 7 students and working with St. Timothy’s church to help in their formation |

**Liturgical Celebrations:**

*The Liturgical calendar is marked by the gathering in community to celebrate the Eucharist and share in prayer.*

**Social Justice / Outreach Activities / Charities:**

*Catholic Social Teachings of the Church root our actions in supporting human dignity and the preferential option of the poor which calls us to serve the most vulnerable in the world.*

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| * ShareLife Poster contest (virtual competition) * Staff payroll deductions and Dress Down Days (cash-online) * ShareLife Fundraiser: Donations accepted via School Cash Online |

**Recognizing Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations:**

*Framed by the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCSGE), our graduates will be effective communicators, reflective thinkers, lifelong learners, collaborative contributors, caring family members, responsible citizens and discerning believers formed in the Catholic faith community.*

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| *To celebrate OCSGE, we as a school community….*   * Place our faith at the center of all learning * Develop a strong bond between home, school, and parish * Embed the OCSGE into all the learning that takes place * Post visible signs of the OCSGE around the school and classrooms * Celebrate mass/virtues as a school community * Promote Eco-stewardship within the school * Focus on respecting the thoughts and opinions of others * Foster and celebrate God given gifts and talents of all * Care about our school, parish, community, and the world around us * Celebrate our gifts given to us by God |

**Celebrating Virtues:**

*A virtue is a habit or established capacity to perform good actions according to a moral standard. When we practice these virtues, we strengthen them and thereby make the presence of God more and more visible in the world around us.*

**Visible Signs of our Faith:**

*Through symbol and service, we are instruments of God’s love whose work within our communities stands as a witness to our faith.*

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| * Crosses, Bibles and Prayer Tables are present in classroom and all key areas of the school. * We also have a Mother Mary statue and Virtue posters visible in the school. * Our altar, located in our main foyer, welcomes all visitors to our school community and is decorated to reflect the liturgical season. * Prayer Garden serves as a sacred space where staff and students are encouraged to gather, discuss, and reflect on our faith. * *Throughout the school, there are also liturgical season symbols, (e.g., advent wreath, nativity scene, individual and collective student work on liturgical seasons and sacramental themes).* * *Model to students the importance of reconciliation and forgiveness among friends/staff and our Lord/ Creator* |

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**Resource List for Parents/Guardians:**

* **Religious Education Curriculum -** [Ontario Religious Education Curriculum](https://iceont.ca/elementary-curriculum/)
* **Family Life Curriculum -** [Ontario Family Life Curriculum](https://iceont.ca/elementary-curriculum/)
* **Fully Alive Program information -** [Ontario Bishops' information on Fully Alive](http://acbo.on.ca/fully-alive/)
* **Encyclical Letter “Laudato Si’”-** [Laudato Si’](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)
* **Truth and Reconciliation -** [Truth and Reconciliation](http://www.trc.ca/)
* **Catholic Education Week 2020 -** [Catholic Education Week 2020](https://youtu.be/tSBWtjOi_TE)

**Resource List for Schools:**

**Board**

* **Multi-Year Strategic Plan -** [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023](https://www3.dpcdsb.org/Documents/2019-23%20MYSP%20Flyer%20FINAL.pdf)
* **Encyclical Letter “Laudato Si’”-** [Laudato Si’](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)
* **Renewing The Promise -** [Renewing The Promise](https://iceont.ca/news-and-updates/renewingthepromise/)
* **Truth and Reconciliation -** [Truth and Reconciliation](http://www.trc.ca/)

**School-Based**

* Many Gifts Resource
* Fully Alive Program- All about Me program
* Adaptive Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation Kits
* Adaptive Program – Finding God Kit (kindergarten)
* Church bulletin available in the main foyer
* School Council Parish Rep liaison shares information from Parish to Council
* Teacher reference and student library resources available that promote Virtues and Faith Formation
* Christian Mediation Resource (share on a weekly basis by our CYW)
* **DPCDSB Road Map to Mental Health prayers and links to support daily Catholic reflections**

**Signature Page**

**Pastor**

**Faith Ambassador(s) *(as applicable)***

**Teacher(s)**

**Chair of Catholic School Council**

**Vice Principal(s)**

**Principal**

**Superintendent**