

PASTORAL PLAN

School Name: St. John Bosco

School Mission Statement:

As members of the St. John Bosco School community, we share these core values and beliefs:

As a Gospel People:

We are united in Jesus Christ who reveals God's love to the world and shows the way to live a fully human life and to achieve our true potential.

We are lifelong learners on a journey, accepting and respecting the fact that we are at different stages in our faith development.

We as educators have a calling; vocation of service to others, using Jesus Christ as our model in developing human potential.

We strive to provide a climate, perspective and value system based on the teachings of Jesus, as a staff, and to our students, in a time dominated materialism, individualism and relativism.

We do our utmost to provide a community that respects the dignity of each person as a child of God, thereby nurturing the good and providing healing and reconciliation in times of difficulties.

We apply our faith to everything we do and celebrate what we believe in rituals, symbols and sacraments.

We are part of the greater Catholic community which has a vital and important role to play in the total development of a child.

We have an appreciation and respect for the variety of functions, gifts and authorities within our Catholic community, knowing that each individual is empowered with the Holy Spirit.

Learning reflects Gospel values rooted in the Catholic faith, and the morals, ethics and behaviours conducive to respect for self, others and the environment.

As Teachers:

We believe that parents/guardians are the primary educators of their children.

We facilitate and support the development and enrichment of students and work together in partnership.

We believe that each child has the right to the best possible education in the best possible educational environment.

We help each child realize that he/she is loved and worthy of respect.

We encourage each child to recognize and develop whatever talents he/she has an obligation to contribute to that society.

We encourage each child to grow in every respect and support them as they face the challenges of this growth.

We strive to provide a safe and structured environment for children.

We do our best to foster spiritual and intellectual growth in children by modelling the same.

School Motto: Growing together in faith and knowledge to serve one another

Our Parish:

Pastor: *Rev. Roger Pascall*

Parish website: <http://stmargueritedyouville.archtoronto.org>

Message from the Pastor: <http://stmargueritedyouville.archtoronto.org>

Once again it gives me great pleasure to reaffirm my commitment to you and to add my own thoughts and perspective to this great enterprise of Catholic Education articulated in your pastoral plan for this New Year.

My church joins with you this year in our efforts to foster a school community that encourages:

- The development of mature personalities
- The formation of a faith community
- An atmosphere animated by a spirit of charity
- A Christian vision of the world

May God guide our work in building his kingdom here on earth.

Fr. Roger Pascall

Pastor

St Marguerite d'Youville

Message from the Catholic School Council:

As members of the St. John Bosco Catholic School Council we work in collaboration with the school team, parents and community partners to promote and foster a vibrant Catholic School community with our Faith as the strong foundation. We support the connection between home, school, and church by working together and celebrating our Faith through school and Parish initiatives. In this way we promote the development of the Ontario Catholic School Graduate

Expectations while developing responsible, collaborative, and compassionate students who will demonstrate their God given talents as lifelong learners.

Catholic Education Week – May 5th – May 10th, 2024

Catholic Education: We are Called to Love
L'éducation catholique: Appelés à aimer

Throughout Catholic Education Week, we ask you to reflect on the significance of Catholic education's presence and contribution in our Church, and in our society.

"If we love one another, God lives in us." 1 John 4:12

Si nous nous aimons les uns les autres, Dieu demeure en nous. (1 Jean 4, 12)

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2024 are:

Monday: **As people of hope / Dans l'espérance**
Tuesday: **As people of faith / Dans la foi**
Wednesday: **As people of mercy / Avec compassion**
Thursday: **As people of justice / Dans la justice**
Friday: **As people of joy / Dans la joie**

1. Communication sent home outlining the events for the week
2. Individual classroom/grade level/school wide events reflecting the theme for the day: events encourage parent engagement in their child's learning as well as peer sharing
3. School Faith Day: Marian Celebration – Rosary Apostolate
4. Social Justice Initiative led by our Student Leaders

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.

1. Virtues Program – reflections and connections of our virtues shared on announcements and within the daily life of the school
2. Celebration of our Diversity and Equality
3. Scripture readings in class and on daily announcements with reflection to help students develop a greater understanding of scripture and its connection to their lives and social teachings of the church
4. Include a diverse range of learning resources to support faith formation, Catholic Social teachings, and daily life
5. School Masses/Liturgical Celebrations – celebrate as a Faith community
6. Celebration of the Sacraments – Communion, Reconciliation, Confirmation as directed by the Parish
7. Rosary Apostolate –monthly visits
8. Student Leaders – Faith development and social outreach initiatives within the school/Diversity Committee
9. Collaboration with Parish Priest, the Parish team and the St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish
10. Eco-Team – stewardship of our environment – leaders within the school model and promote preservation of our earth
11. Presentations that promote our Faith and virtues (Eco/Black History, making positive choices)

Sacramental Preparation:

As Catholics, we understand sacraments to be "outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace." Together in partnership with our parish, we support the preparation of God's children in receiving the sacraments.

Event	Grade 2	Grade 7
Confirmation Registration		September 29, 2023
Confirmation Sponsor Weekend		March 2, 2024 and March 3, 2024
Confirmation Confessions		April 24, 2024 and April 27, 2024
Confirmation		May 17, 2024

First Communion Registration	October 4, 2023	
First Reconciliation	February 12, 2024	
First Holy Communion	April 6, 2024	

Liturgical Celebrations:

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

Celebration	Date
Opening Mass	October 4, 2023
Advent Mass	December 14, 2023
Ash Wednesday	February 14, 2024
Lenten Mass	March 7, 2024
Crowning of Mary	May 10, 2024
End of Year Mass	June 24, 2024

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.

1. ShareLife
2. Food Drives to support St. Marguerite d'Youville, Knight's Table,
3. Helping Hands/Christmas Baskets
4. Toonie for Autism
5. Relief Funds
6. Terry Fox
7. Donations to Community members in need
8. Jump Rope for Heart

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.

To celebrate OCSGE, we as a school community....

- *Presentations to celebrate our thinking and learning – lifelong learners and reflective thinkers*
- *Virtue presentations and teaching – becoming caring members of society*
- *Social Outreach programs – food drives , charitable donations (Terry Fox, Jump Rope for Heart, Helping Hands/Christmas Baskets) – responsible citizens*
- *Student Leaders– collaborative contributors, effective communicators*
- *School Teams – collaborative contributors*

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.

1. Reflections on announcements
2. Presentations to focus on the virtues
3. WITS (Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek help) program
4. "Zones of Regulation"
5. Virtues in School Communications
6. Visible signs via posters and student work throughout the school
7. Classroom retreat days / Liturgies / daily prayers
8. Rosary Apostolate
9. Eco-Stars – leaders of preserving the environment

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.

1. Visible signs of our Faith: prayer tables, altars, front foyer display, posters and wall displays, bibles, sacred cloths to match the colour of the liturgical season, crosses, rosaries, statue of Mary
2. Faith events and activities highlighted in classroom calendars and school communications
3. Daily Faith reflections and prayers on announcements
4. Close collaboration and visits from pastoral team at St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish
5. Catholic Code of Conduct embedded in discipline and restorative practices
6. Library and class resources are representative of our diverse community of learners
7. Anti-bully program using WITS and school presentations
8. Catholic History pieces included in school communications
9. Rosary Apostolate virtual visits (monthly)

Resource List for Parents/Guardians:

- General Roman 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar - [2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar](#)
- Religious Education Curriculum - [Ontario Religious Education Curriculum](#)
- Family Life Curriculum - [Ontario Family Life Curriculum](#)
- Fully Alive Program information - [Ontario Bishops' information on Fully Alive](#)
- [Encyclical Letter "Fratelli Tutti"- Fratelli Tutti](#)
- [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#) - National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation
- [Catholic Education Week 2024 – Catholic Education Week 2024](#)
- [Synod on Synodality – Synod 2021 - 2024](#)

Resource List for Schools:**Board**

- **General Roman 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar** - [2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar](#)
- **Multi-Year Strategic Plan** - [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023](#)
- **Renewing the Promise – A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education**
- **Encyclical Letter “Fratelli Tutti”** - [Fratelli Tutti](#)
- **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation** - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- **Catholic Education Week 2024** – [Catholic Education Week 2024](#)
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School-Based

- Children’s Daily Prayer

