

PASTORAL PLAN

School: **Metropolitan Andrei Separate School**

School Mission Statement:

To cultivate a love of learning, so that all of the Metro Andrei School Community members can fully realize their God-given gifts.

School Motto: Learn. Love, Give, Lead.

Our Parish: Sts. Peter and Paul

Pastor: *Rev. Mario Salvadori*

Parish website: <https://stspeterandpaulmi.archtoronto.org/>

Message from the Pastor:

Our school is under the pastoral care of Fr. Mario Salvadori at Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

The parish selected the motto, “Turn Wounds to Wisdom.” The unexpected things in life can be used to grow in holiness. We as a school, church and home family are called to give this gift of wisdom to our children. By sharing wisdom, we assist them in developing their faith and resilience to handle adversity. We equip our children to build the Kingdom of God. For more information, check out: <https://stspeterandpaulmi.archtoronto.org>

We encourage families to register with the parish, and to join is for Mass times listed:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. (English in person only)

Sunday Mass Times:

English: 8:00 a.m. (in person), 11:00 a.m. (in person and live stream), 12:30 p.m. (in person)

Italian: 9:30 a.m. (in person)

Weekdays:

12:10 p.m - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday (English – in person and live streamed)

12:10 p.m. – Thursday (English – live stream only)

9:00 a.m. – Saturday (English – in person and live stream only)

Message from the Catholic School Council:

The Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School Council is an integral part of our community that works to support the school community through offering opportunities to families and students that enhance the learning environment and promote student engagement in the school. As a Catholic school community, we are continuously working together to nurture our children in a Christ-centered environment.

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**

This year, during Catholic Education Week, Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School will showcase the precious gift of Catholic Education through several activities which will include:

- School-wide liturgical celebration based on the theme "We are Called to Love."
- Class/grade level liturgies devoted to the theme of "We are Called to Love."
- We will have a "Crowning of Mary" ceremony incorporating the praying of the Rosary and recognizing that May is the month of Mary
- Additional activities will be communicated with the community as they are confirmed

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.

Adult Faith formation is supported in the following ways:

- Adult faith ambassadors gather with the Mississauga East Family of Schools
- Staff liturgies throughout the year at staff meetings
- Invitations to the parent community to join in school liturgical celebrations
- Connection of school's Social Justice activities with Catholic teaching and scripture

Student faith formation is supported in the following ways:

- Daily school-wide prayer
- Celebration of the monthly virtues through student-led liturgies
- Connection of student-led social justice activities with Catholic teaching and scripture
- Student-led presentations and school-wide announcements, teaching students of all ages about aspects of our faith (i.e., the liturgical calendar, virtues, saints, tenets of our faith, Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations, stewardship).
- Student-led class liturgies
- School Council supports faith formation for students in sacramental years

- School staff work in collaboration with the Sts. Peter & Paul Parish pastoral team in faith formation and preparation for sacraments
- Consistent modelling of Gospel-values and faith practice

Intentional and explicit inclusion of a distinctive Catholic World View is infused across all subject areas.

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
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>	February 21, 2024	
<i>First Communion</i>	May 4, 2024	
<i>Confirmation</i>		May 11, 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	September 29, 2023
Remembrance Day Liturgy	November 10, 2023
Advent Mass	December 5, 2023
Ash Wednesday Liturgy	February 14, 2024
Pentecost Mass	April 2, 2024
Year End Mass	June 7, 2024
Graduation Mass	June 19, 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.

Metropolitan Andrei students and staff engage in the following outreach activities:

- Anti-bullying initiatives
- Food drives in support of community needs and Dr. Simone's charity
- ShareLife Spirit Days
- Promoting inclusivity with social justice initiatives that include ShareLife, food and candy drives, Black history, Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action
- On the Move with Terry Fox
- Support of the Mississauga East Emergency Fund in support of families in need
- Christmas Gift Card Tree Outreach

Our Youth Faith Ambassador Student Leaders help organize these drives throughout the school year.

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.

A Discerning Believer

Students participate in monthly virtues assemblies, social justice initiatives, Christian Meditation, school masses and sacramental preparation, daily prayers, visible signs of our faith (sacred spaces and crucifixes) are found throughout school, classroom posters for various celebration days displayed in hallways and anti-bullying initiatives.

Effective Communicator

Students have the opportunity to participate in Eco School, PALS, CCCCAT, Choir, the Arts, Sports, and YFAs to promote a caring, inclusive school that celebrates diversity, embraces social justice initiatives and evangelizes the teachings of Jesus.

A Reflective, Creative and Holistic Thinker

Student learning is celebrated throughout school and showcased during Open House, Christmas Concerts, Catholic Education Week, FDK year-end celebrations, Grade 8 graduation and Grade 2 & 7 Sacramental preparation, Crowning of Mary in May and the Rosary Apostolates' Program. Students are expected to follow the Catholic Code of Conduct and through progressive discipline, reflect on making good choices. PALS, YFAs, WITS and Virtues assemblies are vehicles, which support our safe and inclusive school initiatives and guide students to making good choices modelled on Jesus' actions.

A Self-Directed, Responsible, Lifelong Learner

All learners are encouraged to work to their full potential and be reminded of their God-given talents, which are showcased throughout the year during Bullying Awareness Week, Black History Month, Open House, Christmas Concerts, Catholic Education Week, FDK year-end celebrations, Grade 8 graduation and Sacramental preparation, mindfulness, as well as opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities.

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.

At Metropolitan Andrei School, the Catholic Virtues shape our approach to the world and are integrated into the learning students do in the various subject disciplines. In addition, the Virtues are celebrated and highlighted through school-wide, student-led online presentations.

The Virtues celebrated each month are:

- September – **Faith**
- October – **Empathy**
- November – **Conscience**
- December – **Hope**
- January – **Self-Control**
- February – **Respect**
- March – **Kindness**
- April – **Love**
- May – **Acceptance**

- June – **Fairness**
 - Youth Faith Ambassadors
 - Classroom focus on OCSGE and Virtues
 - Newsletter/Parent Updates
 - Announcements
 - OCSGE Graduate Awards

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.

Our call to discipleship and service is evident throughout Metropolitan Andrei School. Our front foyer typically celebrates the liturgical season and the ongoing Catholic Social Justice initiatives in the school. In addition, each classroom has a clearly identifiable Sacred Space in a prominent place which can serve as a focus for classroom prayer and reflection. The seasons of the liturgical year are represented in these sacred spaces. Posters are displayed throughout the school that depict the virtues of our Catholic faith. Our student pictures are displayed throughout the school to celebrate them. Staff and students answer the call to service in many ways, including the collection of donations of food, money, clothing and personal needs items, for various Catholic social justice campaigns throughout the year. Our school community stops to pray on a daily basis at arrival, lunch and various other times throughout the day. Our morning prayer incorporates readings and reflections from various sources including the Children's Daily Prayer and resources provided to the school from the Program and Faith Team that highlight Advent and Lent.

These visible reminders and opportunities serve to help our community to better focus our learning and interactions on the key tenets of our shared faith, and to ensure that our Catholic faith is lived out daily at Metropolitan Andrei School.

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](#)
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School-Based

Adaptive Kits for Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion & Confirmation

Vocation Kits – We have Vocation units as part of the Grade 2, 5 and 8 Religion curriculum. The goal of these supplementary units is to deepen one’s understanding of God’s call – the “vocare” – to various forms of life within the church.

History of the Parish and Catholic Schools in Dufferin Peel - Through the resource ***Our Story, Our Tradition, Our Journey***, Grade 7 students have the opportunity to learn about the history of our parish and our school system.

Signature Page

Pastor Fr. Mario Salvatore

Faith Ambassador(s) (*as applicable*) – N. Lysyuk, M. Hordiyuk, A. Janevska, T. Spadafina, R. Sanelli

Teacher(s) – N. Guiyab, D. Planche, C. Sturzenbecher, T. Spadafina

Chair of Catholic School Council – K. Lapore and J. Santos- Abella

Vice Principal(s) – A. Brunette/L. DeWitte

Principal – M. DiNunzio

Superintendent – D. Belchior