

PASTORAL PLAN

School: Metropolitan Andrei Separate School

School Mission Statement:

To cultivate a love of learning, so that all 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:

In light of the pandemic, our 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 can give this gift of wisdom to our children. In this way, we can equip them to build God’s kingdom. One way in which we are doing this as a parish is by inviting teachers, parents, and grade 8 students to participate in the ALPHA program. We look forward to the children’s liturgy and children’s choirs beginning again at Mass. For more information, check out: www.peterandpaul.church

Message from the Catholic School Council:

The Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School Council is an integral part of our school community. Through the active participation and collaboration of parents/guardians, we strive to ensure that all students reach their full potential in a faith filled environment.

Catholic Education Week – April 30-May 5, 2023

Catholic Education: We are Many, We are One

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.

“We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another.” (Romans 12:5)

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2023 are:

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| Monday: | When we see |
| Tuesday: | When we listen |
| Wednesday: | When we reflect |
| Thursday: | When we learn |
| Friday: | When we act |

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

- 50th Anniversary Liturgy and Celebration

- School-wide liturgical celebration based on the theme “We are Many, We are one”
- Class/grade level liturgies devoted to the theme of “We are Many, We are one”
- 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
- Support mental health and well-being through the practice of contemplative prayer
- Staff liturgies throughout the year at staff meetings
- Invitations to the parent community to join in liturgical celebrations at school
- 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 important 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 by facilitating Rosary Bracelets for each of those students
- 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 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 |
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| First Communion | <i>Saturday May 13, 2023 2:00-4:00</i> | |
| Confirmation for this year's Grade 7s | | <i>Saturday, May 6 2:00-4:00</i> |
| Alpha Program | The Alpha Program is open to members of the Metropolitan Andrei Community | |

Liturgical Celebrations:

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

| Celebration | Date |
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| Opening Mass | Wednesday, November 16, 2022 |

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| Remembrance Day Liturgy | Friday, November 11, 2022 |
| Advent / Christmas Liturgy | Tuesday, December 20, 2022 |
| Lenten Liturgy | Wednesday, March 22, 2023 |
| Pentecost/End of Year Mass | Friday, May 19, 2023 |

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
- ShareLife Spirit Days
- Terry Fox Walkathon
- Support of the Mississauga East Emergency Fund in support of families in need
- Christmas Gift Card Tree Outreach

Our Youth Faith Ambassadors 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.

Metropolitan Andrei staff use the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations as a framework to support the intentional and explicit inclusion of a distinctive Catholic world-view across all subject areas. Teachers use the OCSGE in their curriculum planning. Our students integrate the OCSGE into student-led liturgies. In line with our literacy and numeracy school goals, the Ontario Catholic Schools Graduate Expectations emphasize innovation, creativity, student-voice, and life-long learning. The OCSGE form the foundation for Metropolitan Andrei School's Catholic Social Justice projects. In addition, Catholic Social Justice teachings inform many of the student Inquiry Projects. The Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations ensure that Metropolitan Andrei graduates gain more than just knowledge and skills; they gain values and attitudes that help them respond to God's call to help make the world a better place

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 through school-wide, student-led online Virtues presentations at which students are publicly recognized for their demonstration of the virtue of the month. 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**

- YFA
- Classroom focus on OCSGE and Virtues
- Unity and Inclusivity Club
- Eco-Team
- 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 are evident throughout Metropolitan Andrei School. Our front foyer typically celebrates the liturgical season and current 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.

Staff and students answer the call to service in many ways as well, including the collection of donations of food, money, clothing and personal needs items, for various Catholic Social Justice campaigns throughout the year.

Our Eco-Team highlights the importance of sustainability – creating school wide, student led initiatives that inspire, inform and motivate our community – Pope Francis Encyclical - “Our Common Home”

These visible reminders and opportunities to serve help us to 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:

- **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 2021 Video Message** – [Catholic Education Week 2022 Video Message](#) – [Catholic Education Week 2022](#)

Resource List for Schools:

Board

- **Multi-Year Strategic Plan** - [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023](#)
- **Renewing The Promise** - [Renewing The Promise](#)
- **Encyclical Letter “Fratelli Tutti”**- [Fratelli Tutti](#)
- **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation** - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

School-Based

- Many Gifts Resources
- Fully Alive Program

Signature Page

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Faith Ambassador(s) (*as applicable*)

Teacher(s) Liturgical Team (YFA): Teresa Spadafina and Natalia Lysyuk

Chair of Catholic School Council: Kyla Lepore

Vice Principal(s): Gráinne Maddison

Principal: Maria DiNunzio

Superintendent: Cairine MacDonald