

# PASTORAL PLAN

School: **St. Faustina Elementary School**

## School Mission Statement:

Working through the open arms of Christ, the St. Faustina Catholic School community of dedicated staff, parents and parish collaborate to establish an atmosphere of positive learning that respects the uniqueness of each individual child. Children will be nurtured in the development of self-esteem and self-discipline, enabling them to celebrate Christian values of respect, communication, honesty, and love. The integration of faith, culture and knowledge provides a stimulating environment that encourages children to grow emotionally, physically, intellectually, and spiritually to their full potential as responsible, contributing members of society.

School Motto: **Jesus, I Trust in You**



Our Parish: St. Josephine Bakhita

Pastor: **Rev. Mark Villanueva**

Parish website: **[www.stjosephinebakhita.ca](http://www.stjosephinebakhita.ca)**

## Message from the Pastor:

Greetings in the Lord! St. Josephine Bakhita Parish recognizes that strong parish-home-school connections are foundational to supporting the development of students in the Ontario Catholic School system. We will continue to guide and support the work of schools in Sacramental preparation. Through the continuation of sharing best practices with our elementary schools, students will affirm their Catholic faith in word and action through a variety of initiatives. We wish the students of St. Faustina School a blessed and fruitful school year and moving forward, look ahead to the success of all students.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva

Pastor

**Message from the Catholic School Council:**

St. Faustina School community strives to live the teachings of Christ, instilling these faith values in our children. The home, school, parish partnership is essential in our children's faith development ensuring that "each one called by name" reaches his or her potential through the Catholic Graduate Expectations. The Catholic School Council of St. Faustina School supports the work of staff, students, and parent community as we journey in faith together by promoting the vision, sacramental life and Catholic practices of St. Faustina School. We welcome all members of the community to share in our journey through the many celebrations, gatherings, and social justice initiatives held at St. Faustina.

**Catholic Education Week - May 1 – May 6, 2022**

**Catholic Education: Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together**  
**L'éducation catholique: Rebâtir, Restaurer, Renouveler Ensemble**

*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.*

***"Behold, I make all things new." (Revelation 21:5)***  
***«Voici que je fais toutes choses nouvelles.» (Apocalypse 21,5)***

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2022 are:

Monday: **Rediscover / Redécouvrir**  
Tuesday: **Rebuild / Rebâtir**  
Wednesday: **Restore / Restaurer**  
Thursday: **Renew / Renouveler**  
Friday: **Rejoice / Se réjouir**

Liturgy, Retreat Activities, Classroom Celebrations

**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.*

St. Faustina Catholic Elementary School promotes faith by having a vibrant Youth Faith Leaders program as well as Adult Faith Leaders who provide guidance, support, liturgical opportunities to support our staff at the school and our Mississauga North Family of Schools. Our school community continues to promote and empower our students to become discerning believers, effective communicators, reflective, creative and holistic thinkers, self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner, collaborative contributor, a caring family member and a responsible citizen. Through liturgy, word, and action we embrace and practice our Catholic responsibility and Gospel values.

- Faith Ambassador gatherings for staff
- Stations of the Cross
- School Wide Liturgical celebrations and gatherings
- Staff Liturgies and Reflections
- Student led morning prayers
- Daily classroom prayer: beginning of the day, lunch and dismissal
- Daily Religious/Family Life Education
- Staff PD opportunities, "When Faith Meets Pedagogy," religion in-services
- Informal living and teaching of our faith occurs throughout our day in our treatment/respect of others

Sacramental retreats

**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
Sacrament of Reconciliation	April 4-8 <sup>th</sup> @ 4pm	
First Communion	May 7 @ noon	
Confirmation		TBA
Dates to be determined after Registration		

**Liturgical Celebrations:**

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

Celebration	Date
Opening School Mass	October 7, 2021
Advent Mass	TBA
Ash Wednesday Liturgy	TBA
Easter Mass	TBA
Crowning of Mary Liturgy	TBA
Year End/ Graduation Liturgy	TBA

**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.*

At St. Faustina School, students are encouraged to look beyond themselves to the needs of others. Students are involved in local, regional, national and international outreach. As a faith community, we may be called to be involved in outreach that is not listed below.

- September    Terry Fox Run
- October        Food Drive Eden Food For Change
- November     Candies for Kids – Canadian Food For Children
- December     Christmas Outreach – St. Vincent de Paul
- January        Service Project at Dr. Simone’s Warehouse (Canada Food For Children)
- March          Share Life
- April            Food Drive

**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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Some of the ways we highlight these expectations include:

- Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations highlighted in monthly virtue assembly
- Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations Principal Award highlighted in monthly virtue assembly
- Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations are integrated in classroom activities
- The Grade 8 classes reflect on the OCSGE as part of a self-reflection assignment in preparation for graduation from elementary school.

### **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 St. Faustina School, we say a daily prayer for the Virtue of the Month. We have monthly school-wide assemblies to celebrate the virtues and recognize students who have displayed

the virtues in their daily interactions within the school community. We infuse the virtues in our daily teachings to promote greater awareness of living out the virtues in our lives including:

- Monthly Assemblies celebrating the virtue of the month, including student liturgies
- Students presented with the Living Our Faith Award and Principal's Award
- Virtues are integrated in morning liturgy with students

### **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.*

St. Faustina School welcomes the community with a faith filled foyer displaying an altar, bible, cross, mural, school banner, Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations banner, and prayer space for community members who have passed away. Each classroom contains a sacred space including a prayer table and other faith objects. Staff and students of St. Faustina strive to live the Gospel values daily. Through our community service we demonstrate our faith as:

- Stewards of The Earth - led by our Eco Team
- Youth Faith Ambassadors – led by our Faith In Action Team (FIAT)
- Student Volunteers - kindergarten, library, office, and pizza days(post covid)

Service Project at Dr. Simone's Warehouse

### **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 2021](#)

### **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](#)
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#### **School-Based**

St. Faustina School website <http://www.dpcdsb.org/FAUST>

**Signature Page**

**Pastor**

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

**Teacher(s)**

**Chair of Catholic School Council**

**Vice Principal(s)**

**Principal *Karen A. Kilic***

**Superintendent**