

# PASTORAL PLAN

School: **Father Clair Tipping School**

## School Mission Statement:

The mission of Father Clair Tipping Catholic Elementary School is to provide a place for children to develop their faith and to increase their knowledge of Christ, as they grow as learners and builders of Christian communities. Through a co-operative partnership among the school, family and the church, every learner can become a valued and contributing member of society who grows in self-esteem and self-confidence within a caring, inclusive, and respectful environment.

**School Motto:** Achieving, Believing, Caring

**Our Parish:** St. Marguerite D'Youville

**Pastor:** *Rev. Roger Pascall*

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

## Message from the Pastor:

Recognizing the close collaboration between school and church and our common identity to be living signs of Christ's presence in the world today, we propose in this new school year 2021-2022:

- To provide meaningful liturgies that celebrate our faith and the sacraments, that encourage full participation by all.
- To help students develop a personal spirituality through prayer and classroom discussion on religious matters.
- A commitment to justice and peace through preaching of the word and planned activities through the school year.
- To build up a sense of school community that promotes friendship across class and ethnic divides through common worship.
- To promote the value of the person through respectful engagement.

## Message from the Catholic School Council:

The Catholic School Council is committed to supporting students, their families, and staff through activities that promote and enrich our faith, rooted in the love of Christ. Some of these activities include food drives, Sharelife contributions, and receiving the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. By focusing on these faith building activities, the Catholic School Council hopes to provide an opportunity for our Father Clair Tipping family community to come together to strengthen our contribution to society through charity, grow in understanding and acceptance of others and to help affirm a deeper connection to Jesus' message of faith, hope and love.

## 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:

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| Monday:    | <b>Rediscover / Redécouvrir</b> |
| Tuesday:   | <b>Rebuild / Rebâtir</b>        |
| Wednesday: | <b>Restore / Restaurer</b>      |
| Thursday:  | <b>Renew / Renouveler</b>       |
| Friday:    | <b>Rejoice / Se réjouir</b>     |

### ***Highlight activities or events planned for the Week:***

Our youth faith ambassadors will take part in daily announcements celebrating Catholic Education, as well as celebrating throughout the year.

We will acknowledge our students' receiving sacraments.

Other activities for the week include our kindergarten classes' Tea, Modified French Café, Journey into Learning, and class presentations to be announced.

**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.*

***Please highlight the school activities that support both adult and student faith formation.***

- Celebration of Mass and liturgical events within the community virtually
- Pastoral visits with Father Roger Pascall
- Morning prayer reflections focusing on mental health and connecting ourselves in God's image as well as in liturgies throughout the year
- Students participate in classroom prayer at many times throughout the day including the prac
- Daily practice of Christian meditation virtually as a school, and/or the praying of the rosary together as a school community.
- The Rosary Apostolate's virtual monthly visits, the last Friday of each month which will be culminated by the virtual Crowning of Mary celebration in May.
- Classrooms have a sacred space for individual prayer opportunities, focus for class celebrations
- Alternative Ways to enjoy the Celebration of "Advent-ure" Day and Pray Day during Advent and June
- Daily Religion and Family Life Education
- Informal living and teaching of our faith occur throughout our day in our treatment and respect of others
- Staff focus on faith life of the school at monthly staff meetings
- Virtues program integrated with the explicit of faith based Mental Health Instruction: *Roadmap to Mental Health and Well-Being for our Catholic Schools: Nurturing Hope*
- Staff gather remotely for weekly liturgies during Advent and Lent
- Modified celebration of Passion Play by classes throughout school
- Adult and Youth Faith Ambassador Initiatives – Participation in *Rest, Renew and Rejoice in the Lord*
- YFA/Student Leaders support food drives, and social justice initiatives
- Student and staff led community projects (e.g., food drives, ShareLife fundraisers, Terry Fox, Jump Rope for Heart, Geronimo's Dream)
- Intermediate Leadership Team activities
- Bullying Awareness Presentations and Liturgy

**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.*

| <b>Event</b>                                      | <b>Grade 2</b>                         | <b>Grade 7 (and Grade 8 students)</b> |
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| <b><i>First Communion<br/>Registration</i></b>    | Monday October 25, 2021,<br>7:00 pm    |                                       |
| <b><i>Confirmation<br/>Registration Night</i></b> |  | Monday October 18, 2021, 7:00 pm      |
| <b><i>Rite of Enrollment<br/>Celebration</i></b>  |  | November 20-21, 2021,<br>All Masses   |
| <b><i>Advent Promise<br/>Weekend</i></b>          | November 27-28, 2021,<br>All Masses    |                                       |
| <b><i>Sacrament of<br/>Reconciliation</i></b>     | Wednesday February 2, 2022,<br>6:00 pm |                                       |
| <b><i>Lenten Promise<br/>Weekend</i></b>          | March 5-6, 2022,<br>All Masses         |                                       |
| <b><i>Confirmation<br/>Sponsor Weekend</i></b>    |  | March 12-13, 2022,<br>All Masses      |
| <b><i>Confirmation<br/>Confessions</i></b>        |  | Thursday May 12, 2022, 6:00 pm        |
| <b><i>Sacrament of<br/>Eucharist</i></b>          | Saturday April 30, 2022,<br>11:00 am   |                                       |
| <b><i>Sacrament of<br/>Confirmation</i></b>       |  | Monday May 30, 2022, 7:00 pm          |

**Liturgical Celebrations:**

*The Liturgical calendar is marked by the gathering in community to celebrate the Eucharist and share in prayer. Masses with St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish will be celebrated with all parish schools virtually. The Feast of the Immaculate Celebration will be an individual school mass celebrated virtually with Rev. Roger Pascall. Father Roger also has set calendar dates to visit the school regularly to speak with students on a variety of topics.*

| <b>Celebration</b>                             | <b>Date</b>   |
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| <b>Opening School Mass</b>                     | <i>Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 9:15 am</i>   |
| <b>Virtual Rosary</b>                          | <i>Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 10:00 am</i>  |
| <b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b>      | <i>Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 9:15 am</i>   |
| <b>Advent School Mass</b>                      | <i>Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 9:15 am</i>  |
| <b>New Year School Mass</b>                    | <i>Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 9:15 am</i>   |
| <b>Lenten School Mass</b>                      | <i>Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 9:15 am</i>   |
| <b>School Led Stations of the Cross</b>        | <i>Thursday, April 14, 2022, throughout the day</i>   |
| <b>Easter School Mass</b>                      | <i>Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 9:15 am</i>   |
| <b>Year End Mass</b>                           | <i>Wednesday, June 15, 2021, 9:15 am</i>  |
| <b>Monthly Virtues Liturgies</b>               | <i>Celebrated at 12:45, last day of each month</i>  |
| <b>Rosary Apostolate Praying of the Rosary</b> | <i>Celebrated 9:30-9:50 am – K-3 and 9:55-10:35 am, 4-8, last Friday of each month</i>  |
| <b>Seasonal Events</b>                         | <i>School liturgies or prayer will take place for special occasions including National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Bullying Awareness, Advent, Lent, Easter, End of School Year</i> |

## 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.*

This year, our focus for school-wide improvement in our Catholic Teachings of the Church root our actions in supporting each other and our school community. Through prayer and learning together, staff and students are provided with the opportunity to work together to support the human dignity of each person, and to serve and pray for the most vulnerable in our society.

Below are some examples of the activities that promote our vision of a caring and compassionate Catholic community:

- ShareLife – Cookie sales, dance-a-thon, raffle
- Terry Fox – invitation to donate online
- Supporting Geronimo’s Dream through School Cash Online and purchase of buttons with proceeds donated.
- Social Justice initiatives throughout the school year (Food Drives, Helping Hands)
- Christmas Gift Cards: Donated to St. Marguerite D’Youville Parish and within school community
- Donations to the Poppy Campaign
- 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....***

At Father Clair Tipping, we are working towards effective instruction that respectfully challenges all learners, within a caring Catholic community, to take risks, to experience success and to achieve the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations.

Furthermore, with a focus on creating Catholic Conditions for well-being and a commitment to realizing the Ontario Catholic Schools Graduate Expectations, we can support our students as they become effective, reflective, self-directed collaborative caring and responsible individuals. These qualities are modeled, taught, and embedded in all we do at the school. We are explicitly planning for and working with students to uplift the voices and backgrounds of our school community, (students, family, and staff), by explicitly addressing our diversity and equity goals.

We are aligning a school-wide approach to Catholicity, whereby all educational practices are implemented through a Catholic lens, particularly enhancing students' sense of well-being and belonging as they return to school for learning – *We are supporting this by linking school goals to tenets of the Ontario Provincial Kindergarten Framework and implementing them across our faith development and Catholic School Improvement Learning Cycle.*

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

Discerning Believers:

- Place our faith at the centre of all learning
- Prepare and celebrate sacraments with St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish
- Virtues program
- School Liturgies and monthly parish visits celebrated with St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish
- Student/Staff led liturgies
- Stations of the Cross Presentations
- CYW led student programs – Zones of Regulation, Minds Up
- Have student led Faith Activities
- Participate with Rosary Apostolate Leaders in virtual monthly prayer

Lifelong Learners and Reflective Thinkers:

- Have shared activities to know the individual learner to support academic growth, well-being and faith formation and explicit activities supporting student mental health
- Engage in staff professional development and planning to integrate the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations in the teaching of curriculum, student profile meetings, faith formation and student well-being
- Focus on Equity learning by staff through staff development and book talks, staff generated interest
- To create and monitor a Catholic School Action Plan to support student learning following board pillars: Believe, Excel, Respect, Thrive, Trust
- Establish safe, faith-filled, and equitable classrooms that support student learning and well-being
- Support transitions among students based on individual needs, particularly attending to students with exceptional learning needs

Responsible Citizens and Caring Family Members:

- Work to increase the board goal to increase student engagement (i.e., academic, social, and intellectual) and reduce bullying and aggressive behaviours, among all students.
- Eco Schools activities to support student understanding of the sacredness of life and the environment led in a virtual environment
- Participation in Social Justice focus activities
- Education with students to promote student awareness and development of Catholic digital citizenship

- Work with community helpers to promote student healthy decision making, including parent engagement evenings and school speakers.
- Support Voices Group in School to promote equity discussions for black students in the school
- School Leadership activities by students

Collaborative Contributors and Effective Communicators:

- Have student led programs in a virtual context
- Work with EGELT to develop student interest activities through participation in Experiential Learning Grants
- Public Speaking 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.*

*We have monthly assemblies organized by our grade 3 remote class for primary classes and 4-8 by older classes and student leaders.*

*We have daily prayers and videos reviewing virtues of the month and linking them to our mental health focus for the month.*

*We link the virtues into school faith activities and liturgical celebrations.*

*We have visual displays in the building acknowledging the virtues, including a large mural at the front of the school focusing on the virtues.*



**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.*

The front foyer, main office and each classroom at Father Clair Tipping show the focus of our beliefs.

Our school foyer has a large window mural celebrating diverse representations of the Holy Family and the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations and a mural of the virtues.

Walking Rosary created by Mrs. Connor for students to use contemplatively as a class or individually.

The crucifix, open bible, prayer tables, bulletin boards and school banners are displayed for students, visitors and staff as visual reminders of our Catholic beliefs, faith, and traditions about how we can become closer to God through our words and actions.

Students' artistic endeavors are reflective of the Liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, etc. and are highlighted in the classrooms and throughout the school where possible this year.

We are focusing on having diverse representations of our school values that celebrate our school values through murals with quotes of inspiring leaders and school faith values and through the deliberate purchase of literature that represents the backgrounds of our students.

Our outdoor school yard incorporates our values and conflict resolution skills amongst cooperative games.

**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](#)
- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- Catholic Education Week 2021 Video Message – [Catholic Education Week 2021](#)

### **School-Based**

- Catholic School Improvement Learning Cycle
- Rebound: A Playbook for Rebuilding Agency, Accelerating Learning Recovery and Rethinking Schools, 2021: *Fisher, Frey, Smit, Hattie*; Corwin Books
- Zones of Regulation
- Minds Up
- X Movement Resources
- W.I.T.S. Conflict Resolution Program

**Signature Page**

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**Faith Ambassador(s) *Mrs. S Menezes***

**Chair of Catholic School Council: *Mrs. K. Webster***

**Principal: *Ms. S. Blackmore***

**Superintendent: *Mrs. J. Kuran***