

# PASTORAL PLAN

School: **St. Louis Separate School**

## School Mission Statement:

We, the community of St. Louis, in partnership with family and church will provide a safe, inclusive, supportive, and challenging environment that will form, inform, and transform lives. Through ongoing communication, best practices, assessment, and evaluation, we will provide education based on gospel values, inclusive community, social responsibility, and student needs.

**School Motto:** Form, Inform, and Transform Lives

**Our Parish:** St. Christopher

**Pastor:** **Rev. Joseph Rodrigues**

**Parish website:** <https://stchristophersmi.archtoronto.org/>

## Message from the Pastor:

One of my special ministries as Pastor at St. Christopher's is to visit St. Louis School. What comes of that is a family atmosphere when I am in the school and when I meet students and their families in the community. I am hoping to meet the children and greet them warmly whenever I am visiting, try to get familiar with them and their families. My visits, I hope, will also help me to understand better the challenges that the families in our parish must face. I believe that my frequent visits help to bond the school community to the parish community, because of friendship and because of faith.

## Message from the Catholic School Council:

The St. Louis Catholic Elementary School Council, as an advisory body, supports all initiatives within the school to foster a deeper understanding of our faith within the school and the St. Louis School Community. Our focus is to promote the vision and values of the Catholic Church and to provide a school wide perspective on issues pertaining to our School Pastoral Plan.

## Catholic Education Week – April 30 – May 5, 2023

**Catholic Education: We are Many, We are One**  
**L'éducation catholique: À plusieurs, nous sommes un**

*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)*

*«Nous qui sommes plusieurs, nous sommes un seul corps dans le Christ, et membres les uns des autres.»  
 (Romains 12, 5)*

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2023 are:

Monday: **When we see / En voyant**  
 Tuesday: **When we listen / En écoutant**  
 Wednesday: **When we reflect / En réfléchissant**  
 Thursday: **When we learn / En apprenant**  
 Friday: **When we act / En agissant**

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

- *Book Fair*
- *Journey Into Learning*
- *The Crowning of Mary*

### **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.***

- Virtue liturgies and Virtue Awards
- OSCGE announcements / Medallion program
- Social Justice Activities

**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	TBA	TBA
First Communion	April 29, May 6 @ 1:30	
	April 30, May 7 @ 3:30	
Confirmation		May 16 @ 6:30
		May 17 @ 6:30

**Liturgical Celebrations:**

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

Celebration	Date
Opening Day Mass	November 9, 2022
Remembrance Day Liturgy	November 11, 2022
Ash Wednesday	February 22, 2023
Confessions	March 1, 2023
Crowning of Mary	May 5, 2023
Graduation	June 20, 2023
Year End Mass	June 27, 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.*

Our school participates in Share Life, Terry Fox Walk/Run, Food Drives and Helping Hands.

## 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....*

- Embed the OCSGE into all the learning that takes place
- Post visible signs of the OCSGE around the school and classrooms
- Engage in school wide activities to further understand the OCSGE (morning announcements/medallion program/recognition wall)
- Celebrate mass/virtues as a school community
- Promote forgiveness, caring and respect when conflicts arise
- Listen to the Word of God (Mass / Liturgies)
- Promote self-reflection in both students and staff
- Focus on respecting the thoughts and opinions of others
- Celebrate our gifts given to us by God
- Promote a sense of authentic stewardship (caring of our school, parish, community, and the world around us)

## 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.*

St. Louis School celebrates the virtues daily as a school community through various activities and visible symbols. Monthly we highlight the virtue of the month through announcements, class activities and liturgies. We also present certificates to students who have modelled the virtue of month in the school.

**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.*

We have....

- Display case in front foyer (faith focus)
- Alcoves displaying Saints and Bible
- All classes have crosses and Bibles
- Prayer tables in all classrooms
- Visual displays of Saints
- Art mural hangs at the conjunction of both hallways – chosen as a center point for our school celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school
- Hangings with spiritual sayings
- Scripture readings over the PA system

**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** – [Catholic Education Week 2022](#)
- **Synod on Synodality** – [Synod 2021 - 2023](#)

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

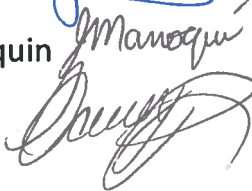
- Information is on the School Website <http://www3.dpcdsb.org/LOUIS>
- Twitter: @STLOUISdpcdsb

**Signature Page**

Pastor – Father Joseph Rodrigues



Faith Ambassador(s)/Teacher(s) – Jaclyn Marroquin



Chair of Catholic School Council – Sandy Ramos



Vice Principal(s) – N/A

Principal – N. Poerba



Superintendent – S. Gos

