

PASTORAL PLAN

School: **Sts. Martha and Mary Catholic School**

School Mission Statement:

At Sts. Martha and Mary Catholic School, we nurture and build a Catholic community based on the beliefs and traditions of our faith. We strive to foster a safe, caring and inclusive environment where all are welcomed and respected. Through the partnership with the home, parish and the school, we endeavour to ensure the physical, social, cognitive, emotional and spiritual success of all learners in our care as we journey to fulfill the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations. It is our vocation to know our learners and have their voices reflected in all that we do. The school strives to be a Christ-centred system in which all may work and learn in a supportive, inclusive, meaningful and respectful environment.

School Motto: *Learning Together in Faith.*

Our Parish: Saints Martha and Mary

Pastor: *Rev. Darrin Corkum*

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

Message from the Pastor:

The importance of Catholic Education cannot be seen unless it is fully realized in the family and the parish as well. The three pillars of faith in action are seen in the partnership of PARISH, FAMILY and SCHOOL. Together, we see faith nurtured in the family, grown in the weekly parish Mass and put into practice in the greater community as seen in the local Catholic school. Each builds upon the faith of the preceding element and influence. The school is the outward expression of faith of the family, as lived in a parish community. For Catholic educators, it is the three-fold expression of our faith. This three-fold reality of our faith that is at the core of who and what and why Catholic education is so important.

The expression of Catholic education is seen in the school not as an end to itself, but as a part of the greater whole; that education is part of a holistic examination of one's personal life and his/her prayer life all bound together in a social and learning life found in our Catholic schools.

It is encouraging to see our Catholic educators living their faith amongst their students in the weekly celebration of Sunday Mass. This lived reality of faith is manifested in the lessons of the school; that which is learned on Sundays is not limited to only one day, but are reflected during the lesson plans of the week. This unity of faith, family and school are fundamental to spiritual and moral growth.

I am truly pleased to say that our Catholic schools in Mississauga reflect well the aims and goals of our families and parishes. Together, let us serve our Lord and one another, in love and faith. Our school is under the pastoral care of Sts. Martha and Mary Parish located at 1870 Burnhamthorpe Road East, Mississauga, Ontario. We are a dynamic parish in the heart of Mississauga with a rich and diverse cultural community of believers. Our mission is to spread the message of God's love to all people while creating a welcoming family atmosphere for prayer and fellowship.

We encourage our families to register with the parish, and to join us:

Masses:	
Monday:	No Mass
Tuesday:	9:00 am
Wednesday:	9:00 am and 7:00 pm
Thursday:	9:00 am
Friday:	9:00 am and 7:00 pm
Saturday:	9:00 am
Sunday Mass:	4:30 Saturday Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Confessions	Saturdays: 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. or by appointment 905 625-5670

Please note due to current restrictions; mass times and confessions may vary. Please call the church office for updates.

Message from the Catholic School Council:

The Sts. Martha and Mary Catholic School Council proudly supports faith formation for our community. Due to Covid restrictions and protocols, we are celebrating most of our Liturgical and school masses virtually at this time. We collaborate with the school in order to support faith formation. We support our community with preparation for Sacraments and encourage community to attend school celebrations. Our Council has supported various activities to raise funds for local charities, such as, St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Mississauga Food Banks, Christmas Giving tree and the annual support of the Archdiocese of Toronto ShareLife campaign. We are a dynamic group of 14 community members that work in collaboration with the school staff and administration to enhance the students' experience at Sts. Martha & Mary School.

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**

Monday May 2	Crowning of Mary celebration and liturgy; Toiletry Drive for Dr. Simone CFFC
Tuesday May 3	Sacrament of Confirmation Gr 7/8
Wednesday May 4	Mass from Archdiocese;
Thursday May 5	Sacrament of Confirmation Gr 7/8
Friday May 6	School Wide Retreat and Activity Day "Rebuilding-Restoring-Renewing"

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.

Sts. Martha and Mary Catholic School participates in various activities that nurtures our Catholic Faith, Virtues, Catholic Social Teachings and the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations. We continue to provide sacramental preparation in partnership with the pastoral team, liturgical celebrations, and community building celebrations for staff, prayer services, and daily morning prayers prepared by students. Staff, students and parents collaborate to live out our gospel values through scripture. We as a school community have incorporated the 4 R's: Respect yourself, respect others, respect yours and others property and take responsibility for your actions. This allows students to understand the meaning of God's commandment of "treat others the way you want to be treated."

We live in a complex 21st century world where the teachings and traditions of the Catholic faith provide deep insight into the questions and challenges of our time. Young people are searching for answers to their emerging questions and realities of life. Our schools is a community where students can grapple with questions related to the world, identity and meaning while remaining firmly grounded in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Our Faith, Gospel Values, the Virtues and the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations are made alive for students to connect the tenets our faith to their own faith formation. It is the heart of what we do, here at Sts. Martha & Mary School.

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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 2/3	Grade 7/8
Registration and Parent Information Meeting	November 16, 2021	November 18, 2021
Reconciliation	January 13, 2022	
Communion	February 26/27 and March 5/6	
Confirmation		May 3 rd and 5 th , 2022

Liturgical Celebrations:

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

Celebration	Date
Thanksgiving Mass (virtual)	October 8, 2021
Remembrance day liturgy	November 11, 2021
Advent Liturgy	November 30, 2021
Advent Mass	Week of Dec 13 th , 2021
Ash Wednesday Liturgy	March 2nd, 2022
Easter	Week of April 18 th , 2022
Graduation Liturgy	Monday June 27, 2022

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.

As a Catholic community, we support many outreach activities with staff, students and the community. Our Youth Faith Ambassadors and Lead teachers coordinate activities such as: the Terry Fox Walk; Thanksgiving Food drive in support of the Mississauga Food Bank; the collection of socks in October (Sock- tober); and our Christmas campaign of the Giving Tree in support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at our Parish and Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Services. Leading up to Lent, we will participate in a ShareLife fundraising Spirit Week. One of our final community service projects of the year will focus on the collection of toiletries and hygiene products for Dr. Simone’s Warehouse and Canadian Food For Children.

When the current restrictions are lifted, we will begin the sale of themed cookies to raise money for Share Life at special times during the year and pretzels for Lent. Staff participates in casual Fridays for Share Life and are encouraged to participate in the DPCDSB ShareLife employee campaign and other smaller campaigns we have here at school.

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 the OCSGE, we as a Catholic school community support many outreach activities with staff, students and the community. Our Youth Faith Ambassadors assist in coordinating activities such as: the Terry Fox Walk; Food drives in support of the Mississauga Food Bank; fundraising for Share Life; Giving to those in Need through our Christmas Campaign and Toiletry drives. Initiative like the ones we participate in annually teach our students how to be caring family members, and responsible citizens. We encourage our students to be effective communicators in areas like (but not limited to) the Language and FSL curriculums. In daily interactions with staff, classmates and other students, we encourage and guide students to refine their reflection, collaboration and learning skills being sure to acknowledge the ones that are evident and those that can be improved. As a Catholic Elementary school we compliment the sacramental preparation of our students with Religious Education and Family Life Programs and the support of Sts. Martha & Mary Parish. The OCSGE are recognized at Graduation and awarded to graduating students who have demonstrated these expectations throughout their time here at Sts. Martha & Mary.

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.

As a Catholic community, we embed the Virtues program in all that we do spiritually, academically, socially and physically. The staff has a copy of the monthly virtue program and posters, which are a part of our daily prayers and reflections. Our students get an opportunity to share prayer and reflections focusing on the virtue of the month when they volunteer to be our Spiritual Leaders on morning announcements. As a faculty, we use examples of the virtues when we are making connections and having conversations with our students so that they can recognize the virtues in themselves and others.

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.

Sts. Martha and Mary School we foster a safe, warm and welcoming environment throughout the school. Our welcoming, faith filled community is evident as you walk into the doors of Sts. Martha and Mary school. Signs of our faith are visible with our dynamic sacred space in the foyer with seasonal displays in the glass cabinets and altar area. All classrooms have dedicated sacred spaces that makes us mindful of the faith that we share and work to develop our faith daily as a community. Before morning prayers, we encourage students to take a simple breath to centre themselves before they begin their prayer. Educators include scripture and bible stories into their lessons to make connections between our faith and our lives. By including and highlighting these scripture stories, students see the connections and better understand their faith as it is forming.

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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](#)

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

Sowing Seeds: Kindergarten resource file:///C:/Users/17694/Downloads/01-19_SowingSeeds_DPCDSB.pdf

Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ: Grades 1-8 Religion resource for all teachers & students

Fully Alive: Grades 1-8 Family Life resource for all teachers and students

Catholic Education Week 2022 - <https://bit.ly/3vtSyS4>

- Information on the School Website : <https://www.dpcdsb.org/MMARY>
- WEEKLY MAVERICK UPDATE: sent to the community each Friday: <https://sway.office.com/bwcvw9wWat9kDBRv?ref=Link>
- Twitter @stsmmary_dpcdsb
- Staff Weekly updates “MAVERICK MEMO staff weekly”
- Faith specific sections in Staff Meetings
- Faith specific sections in Principal Report of Catholic School Council Meetings

Signatures Page

Pastor: *Fr. Darrin Corkum*

Teacher(s): *Erika Prajza; Katherine Hammond*

Chair of Catholic School Council: *Sandy von Sengbusch*

Principal: *Antoinette J. Hilario*

Superintendent: *Cairine MacDonald*