

PASTORAL PLAN

School Name: Notre Dame

School Motto or Mission Statement: “Justice, Love, Peace”

Theme for the Year: *Catholic Education: We are Called to Love*
L'éducation catholique: Appelés à aimer

Retreats

Grade	Location	Theme	Facilitator	Supervision
9	St. Leonard's Catholic Church, Brampton	Knowing God	Chaplain and Chaplaincy Team Student Leaders	Classroom Teacher, Chaplain
10	St. Leonard's Catholic Church, Brampton	Network: Forming meaningful and healthy relationships	Hope Stone Catholic Ministries	Classroom Teacher, Chaplain
11	<i>St. Elias Ukrainian Catholic Church, Brampton</i> <i>BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Etobicoke</i> <i>Dasmesh Darbar Gurdwara, Brampton</i>	Temple Tours	Various Religious Leaders	Classroom Teacher, Chaplain
12	YMCA Cedar Glen. 13300 Concession Road 11, Schomberg ON L0G 1T0	Affirmed: Created in God's Image	YMCA Staff and Notre Dame CSS Chaplain	Classroom Teacher, Chaplain, YMCA Staff

PIP	TBD	TBD	TBD	Classroom Teacher, Chaplain
11 Theory of Knowledge (IB)	L'Arche Daybreak - TBD 11339 Yonge St, Richmond Hill ON L4S 1L1	Exploring how people with different levels of abilities acquire knowledge.	L'Arche Staff	Classroom Teacher, L'Arche Staff, and Chaplain
Bereavement Retreat	Notre Dame CSS Chapel	Navigating Grief	Ms. CYW and Mr. Garda	CYW and Mr. Garda
Co-op Retreat	St. Leonard's Catholic Church, Brampton	Investing in Your Talents	Mr. Garda	Mr. Ussia, Ms. Faria, Ms. Tersigni
Salesian Retreat (Semester 2)	St, Francis Centre, Caledon	Faith Leadership	School Chaplains and St. Francis Centre Staff	School Chaplains and St. Francis Centre Staff
Grade 12 IB Salesian Retreat	St, Francis Centre, Caledon	Leadership Formation, Spiritual Development, Looking Towards the Future	St. Francis Centre Staff	Mr. Garda Ms. Lorkovic St. Francis Centre Staff

Activities of a Religious Nature

Activity	Times
Morning Prayer & Reflection by Chaplain/Students	Weekdays @ 9:28am
End of Day Blessing/Prayer by Chaplain/Students	Weekdays @ 2:15pm
Retreat Leadership Training (For Grade 11 and 12 Chaplaincy Core Team Members)	Thursday, September 14th, 2023
Chapel Masses for Staff and Students	Wednesdays @ 7:45am 1. October 4, 2023 2. November 15, 2023 3. November 27, 2023 4. November 29, 2023
Chaplaincy Team Meetings & "Rise Up" Student Led, After School, Chaplaincy Program	Thursdays @ 2:30pm-3:30pm

PIP Class Visits	Wednesdays @ 1pm
Grade Level Welcome Assemblies	September 13 and 14 2023
School Year Opening Liturgy of the Word	Tuesday, October 10, 2023, Period 1 and 2
All Saints and All Souls Day (Month of November)	A Book of Remembrance will be available in the chapel for staff and students to sign the names of their deceased loved ones. The names written in the book will be prayed for during morning prayers on Souls Day and throughout the month of November.
Remembrance Day Reflection, "Last Post" over PA system played by student musicians, and 2 minutes of silence.	Friday, November 10, 2023 before 11am over PA system
Advent/Christmas Liturgy	December 12, 2023
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available after chapel masses
New Year's Liturgy	TBD
Holy Thursday Passion Play	TBD
Easter/Catholic Education Week Mass	TBD
Marian Procession	TBD During Catholic Education Week
Graduation Liturgy/Mass	TBD
Eucharistic Adoration in Chapel – TBD (Throughout the day)	Throughout Catholic Education Week
<i>Lectio Divina</i> , praying with and meditation on Scripture for Religion Classes and IB Classes	TBD with teachers
Chapel Masses for Religion Classes	Online Schedule created for Religion Classes

Other Pastoral/Outreach Activities

Activity	Date
Orange Shirt Day Staff and Students will be asked to wear an orange shirt on this day to draw attention to the injustices committed to indigenous communities by residential schools.	Friday, September 29, 2023
Terry Fox Walk and Fundraiser Teacher vs Student Basketball Game Buyout	Thursday, October 5, 2023
Thanksgiving Food Drive for <i>Knight's Table</i>	October 2-5, 2023
World Mental Health Day	October 10, 2023
Senior Sunrise Grade 12 students are invited to spend time in prayer, reflection, and fellowship with their peers on the Notre Dame CSS. field at sunrise. Snacks and hot chocolate are provided for participating students.	October 17, 2023 @ 7:15am
When Faith Meets Pedagogy Youth Forum	Thursday, October 26, 2026
When Faith Meets Pedagogy Conference	Friday, October 27, 2023
Purple Shirt Day Vulnerable Child Awareness	Friday, October 27, 2023
Bullying Awareness Week Safe Schools Committee This week will consist of raising awareness, providing support to improve student interaction online and how to access support.	Monday, November 13, 2023→ Friday, November 17, 2023
Staff Gift Card Collection for Christmas	Advent
Classroom Christmas Gift Drive for Families of Notre Dame and St. Leonard's Elementary School Communities	Advent
Notre Dame Family of Schools Christmas Support to Feeder Schools	December 2023
Black History and Beyond Black Expo: Black Professionals and Post-Secondary of Dufferin- Peel Conference. Black students from the ND Community will share morning reflections and prayers over the PA System. Multicultural week activities presented by Black African Caribbean Student Alliance (BACSA). Feeder schools will be invited to Black literacy workshops. Black Parent Engagement: Mental Health and Well-Being. During February 2024, attention will be brought to Black saints and prominent Black Catholics on the road to sainthood.	November 8, 2023 February 2024 May 2024
Ordinandi Luncheon	TBD 2024

<p>A group of chaplaincy team leaders will take part in a lunch while listening to the testimonies of seminarians and religious sisters making vows along with entering discussion with them.</p>	
<p>Lenten/Easter Food Drive</p>	<p>TBD March 2024</p>
<p>No More Stolen Sisters Students in NDA3M1 class will be raising awareness regarding Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls in a weeklong initiative.</p>	<p>Monday, May 6 - Friday, May 10, 2024</p>
<p>Right to Life Week Raise awareness of life issues. Baby products drive for Vita Centre or Salvation Army Advocating for the dignified treatment of the most vulnerable in our society from conception to natural death, including people with special needs and marginalized groups. Q&A Sessions in Religion Classes</p>	<p>Monday, May 6 - Friday, May 10, 2024</p>
<p>Moosehide Day</p>	<p>Friday, May 10, 2024</p>
<p>Mental Health Awareness Month Month long awareness initiatives to raise awareness to end stigma, provide support and education for students to learn to cope and lead balanced lives. Will be incorporated into Catholic Education Week. Black Mental Health Awareness Week</p>	<p>May 2024</p>
<p>Breakfast Club Students will distribute prepackaged snacks for students as they enter the school.</p>	<p>Daily throughout the school year</p>
<p>Mental Health Club (Knights4MH) Our goals: 1.Promote mental health & wellbeing 2.Reduce stigma associated with mental health 3.Promote awareness about in school & community resources We try to reach our goals through different initiatives that take place during the year which include, but is not limited to, bringing community organizations to our school, hosting events to promote positive self-care and coping strategies.</p>	<p>Wednesdays @ 2:30pm</p>
<p>Knights Green Team The Notre Dame Green Knights are committed to spreading awareness about environmental justice and land stewardship. We believe as a Catholic school community that our planet is a gift from the creator that we must take care of and protect. Each week we discuss issues related to the environment, climate change, pollution, and stewardship. Students take on initiatives to raise awareness regarding plastic pollution, consumerism, electronic waste, and household waste. We strive to be a gold certified eco-school and build on past years work with each new student group. Currently, we have a small native species garden which we hope can grow into a more usable student reflection/prayer space.</p>	<p>Thursdays @ 2:30pm</p>

<p>Champions League Champions League aims to recognize the hard work, determination, and success of students at Notre Dame. The Champions League is for students who are not awarded through academic or athletic achievements but are a vital part of the Notre Dame community.</p>	<p>TBD</p>
<p>Student Council Our members are true examples of vibrant youth that focus on stewardship and serve others. Our leaders are encouraged to provide guidance, support, and liturgical assistance to support our staff and peers at the school.</p> <p>Student Council Every meeting begins with prayers from our Faith Ambassador. This year we have created a Student Council Prayer that will be recited in all our gatherings.</p> <p>Our members are involved in many events around the school, where they demonstrate strong, inclusive, caring and responsible leadership that promote our faith and positive culture among peers and adults in the building. Student Council members participate in religious retreats, liturgical and seasonal events – Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. These students are a visible part of our school community. Certain members, Student Senate and Student Trustee, for example, share our voice and faith and report back to us with regards to our community as well.</p>	<p>Ongoing throughout the year.</p>
<p>Notre Dame GSA Led by Child and Youth Worker and teachers. Weekly meetings. Students and staff meet to provide space for inclusion, discussion, and community.</p>	<p>September – June 2023</p>
<p>Parent Council</p>	<p>Throughout the Year</p>
<p>Used Uniform Sale Every year Grade 12 students donate their uniforms in good condition to the School Parent council for sale. The funds raised are used for students' learning and education-related activities.</p>	<p>Wednesday Oct 25th, 2023 @ 5pm</p>

Catholic Education Week – May 5th – May 10th, 2024

**Catholic Education: We are Called to Love
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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.

“If we love one another, God lives in us.” 1 John 4:12

Si nous nous aimons les uns les autres, Dieu demeure en nous. (1 Jean 4, 12))

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2024 are:

- Monday: **As people of hope / Dans l'espérance**
- Tuesday: **As people of faith / Dans la foi**
- Wednesday: **As people of mercy / Avec compassion**
- Thursday: **As people of justice / Dans la justice**
- Friday: **As people of joy / Dans la joie**

Date	Activity
Monday, May 6	
Tuesday, May 7	
Wednesday, May 8	
Thursday, May 9	
Friday, May 10	

1. Catholic Education Week School Mass/Liturgy – TBD. Held at St. Leonard's Church.
2. Thanking Families for Supporting Catholic Education
 - a. The chaplaincy team and student council will hold up signs and hand out treats to families dropping off their kids at school, thanking them for supporting Catholic Education.
3. Morning Student Testimonies
 - a. Students will give testimonies over the PA system. Testimonies will also be posted on school social media.
4. Share Life Fundraiser
 - a. As a school we will choose one charity associated with Share Life to support
 - b. Students will be encouraged to bring in a toonie for a civvies day.
 - c. Throughout the week share stories of people who Catholic charities in the GTA have impacted.
5. Lunchtime Activities
 - a. Activities run by chaplaincy team

Activities that Support the Catholic Nature of Our School
Catholicity Across the School

In collaboration with each department head, departmental activities and/or events that infuse Catholic teaching, faith formation, and Catholic culture into the curriculum and the classrooms are highlighted.

Department	Activity	Description
Social Sciences	Orange Shirt Day	<p>On Friday, September 29, 2023, the social science department encouraged the Notre Dame school community to wear an orange shirt to remember the atrocities committed by residential schools in indigenous communities across Canada. The head of the Social Science department started the day with a brief reflection on the experiences of people who have survived the residential school era of Canadian history.</p> <p>Students class will be raising awareness regarding Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls in a weeklong initiative.</p> <p>Over 1000 small flags will be placed on the front laws on Notre Dame CSS, depicting the unmarked graves of Indigenous children that have been discovered to this day.</p>
	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	<p>December 6, 2023</p> <p>Campaign raising awareness of violence against women.</p>
	Knights Green Team	<p>The Green Team runs initiatives throughout the year raising awareness about environmental justice issues. Initiatives that are run throughout the year include, used battery collection, secondhand clothing fashion exchange, and electronic recycling drive.</p>
	Moosehide Campaign Day	<p>May 16, 2024</p> <p>Moose Hide Campaign Day is a day of ceremony where all Canadians are called to join together to take a stand against violence towards women and children and to take practical steps for our collective journey of reconciliation.</p> <p>Moosehide pins will be handed out to students to bring awareness to gender based violence against Indigenous peoples.</p>

Business/ Co-op	Ethics in Business	Incorporating Catholic Social Teaching in business ethics Study of Ethical Digital Citizenship, the Canadian Code of Advertising Standards, and International Business Standards on Ethical Mining.
English	Prayer and Reflection Reading of Literary Material that promotes Catholic learning goals.	At the beginning of each class Reading literary works that explore, through the lens of Scripture and philosophy, examination of stereotypes, racism, sexism and many other social issues as perceived through the window of Catholic social and moral teachings.
Math	Prayer at the beginning of class Social Justice Minded Assignments Classroom environments strive to address all Catholic Graduate Expectations	Led by students In data management and financial math strands
Arts/Moderns	Liturgies Prayer	Music will be provided by music students and music extracurricular groups. Stations of the Cross done by Drama Visual arts have provided and can provide visual support for liturgies- e.g. there was an art PowerPoint that was made for the Remembrance Day Liturgy French - prayers in French, can be done over the announcements
Modern Languages	Religious Table Prayers and Reflections in French	In our French classroom, our Catholic Faith is promoted not only by our prominent Religion tables that express our faith with appropriate liturgical colours, or religious items like Bible, rosary, books, etc but also by displaying our Catholic monthly virtues. We speak to our virtues to remind students of Catholic expectations. Prayers and reflections, in French, are what start our classes and set the tone for an inclusive environment. We have posters with our Catholic prayers posted in the classroom and recited daily.

	<p>Assignments and French Discussion with Chaplain in French.</p>	<p>Our lessons will incorporate the Catholic Graduate School Expectations to promote our Christian goals and faith. Various assignments have been created where students can express their faith in writing, speaking, listening and reading tasks. Some topics include, people of courage and faith, saints and catholic leaders today, conflict resolution and places of worship. Our chaplain will be participating in large group discussions to share testimonials of faith.</p>
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School Environment Reflective of Our Faith

1. Each classroom has a crucifix and a small altar with a Bible.
2. Teachers who have requested received posters of Catholic influencers or saints that have contributed to the disciplines which they teach.
3. Images of Black Saints welcome students as they enter Notre Dame.

Collaborative School Culture

See “Pastoral Activities” and “Catholicity Across School” Sections

Parish Connections

Weekly morning mass for staff. Wednesdays @ 7:45am.

Staff Faith Development

1. Weekly Morning Mass. Wednesdays @ 7:45am.
2. PD Sessions for Provincial Priorities in a Catholic Context (Suggested Ideas)
 - a. Invite Speakers
 - b. Testimonies from former students
 - c. Brief PD Sessions on “Why We Are Catholic” led by chaplain Greg Garda.
3. Reflection on Marian Spirituality of our School by Ms. Nadal
4. Staff Rosary at 2:30pm on Wednesday mornings or after school.

Transitions

Students supported in the area of Transitioning from Grade 8 to Grade 9, from Grade 12 to Post-Secondary as well as from one grade to another:

1. Grade 8 Open House - October 25th, 2023
2. Grade 8 Feeder School visit November 1, 2023
3. Grade 8 School Visits during high school spring exam time
4. Campus Connect with Archdiocese
 - a. Introduce grade 12 graduating students to Catholic Chaplaincies across Ontario universities and colleges

Vocations

Vocations to religious life and pastoral ministries promoted through:

Resource List for Parents/Guardians

- General Roman 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar - [2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar](#)
- Religious Education Curriculum - [Ontario Religious Education Curriculum](#)
- Encyclical Letter “Fratelli Tutti”- [Fratelli Tutti](#)
- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- Catholic Education Week 2024 – [Catholic Education Week 2024](#)
- Synod on Synodality - [Synod 2021 - 2024](#)

Resource List for Schools

- General Roman 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar - [2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar](#)
- Multi-Year Strategic Plan - [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023](#)
- Encyclical Letter “Fratelli Tutti”- [Fratelli Tutti](#)
- Renewing The Promise - [A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education](#)
- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
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Signature Page

Pastor

Chaplaincy Leader

Faith Ambassador(s) *(as applicable)*

Department Heads *(as applicable)*

Chair of Catholic School Council

Vice Principal(s)

Principal

Superintendent