

# PASTORAL PLAN

School: **Our Lady of Fatima**

## School Mission Statement:

Our Mission is to safeguard the needs and well-being of every community member and to set a positive tone. We must be role models who place a high value on learning for students as well as ourselves. We must promote Catholic Values and collaborative communication by carefully planning the future while savoring the precious present.

**School Motto:** Helping Youth Toward a Brighter Future

**Our Parish:** St. Anne

**Pastor:** *Rev, Joel Pabilona, Jr.*

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

## Message from the Pastor:

Dear Parents and Families,

Greetings in the name of the Lord!

The school year 2021-2022 seems promising in that the government has lifted some Covid19 restrictions. However, both the civil and religious authorities continue to advise constituents to continue to exercise a reasonable amount of caution when performing daily duties and engaging in leisurely activities.

St. Anne's Parish, whose task is to serve Catholic schools in its jurisdiction, will continue to fulfill pastoral responsibilities but in a limited and adaptive way. The "new normal" as of this time forces us to implement our parochial school programs accordingly to new and different approaches or methods. Technology and the internet have come in handy in developing ways

and means of communication and providing for the spiritual and pastoral needs of the parish. Adapting to the inevitable situation we are in can be inconvenient, annoying, and disappointing but necessary in order to continue living a meaningful life - “virtual life” at that. However, due to the lifting of some restrictions the school principals and the pastor may discuss the possibilities of actual in school and in church activities. In view of our present circumstance, here some activities we hopefully will be doing:

- Virtual Masses to continue until further notice;
- A combination of virtual and actual activities for our Sacramental Preparations;
- School visitations are now possible;
- Other beneficial suggestions that may come up.

In the meantime, let us continue to practice vigilance during this difficult time. Always keep your family safe!

May the upcoming Advent and Christmas Seasons bring us hope, peace, and joy! My prayers and best wishes to the families.

God’s continued blessings upon you all!

***Fr. Joel B. Pabilona, Jr.***

Pastor

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### **Message from the Catholic School Council:**

The Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Council is an integral part of our school community. Through the active participation and collaboration of parents/guardians, we strive to ensure that all students reach their full potential in a faith-filled environment. We do this by providing financial support and opportunities for students to enrich their faith in our community setting.

**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**

During Catholic Education Week, a number of activities will take place that will highlight the many gifts and talents we nurture at Our Lady of Fatima School and encourage students to share with the community.

Classroom teachers will work to bring alive the theme of Catholic Education Week, which is Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together.

Through prayer, music, reflection, spiritual meditation, drama and art, students will come to deepen their understanding of this year's theme: Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together

### **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.*

Faith Ambassadors lead several events at Our Lady of Fatima School and in our Brampton West Family of Schools:

- Liturgical celebrations for Thanksgiving, Advent, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Easter and Graduation virtually
- Staff meetings all begin with prayer and or short liturgies that will focus on the theme of Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together.
- Teachers evangelize through daily classroom prayer, reflections, incorporate church teachings, and gospel values into all curriculum areas. Religious Education and Family Life Education Programs are taught in all classrooms.
- Celebrate mass as a school community four times a year led by Father Joel at St. Anne’s parish virtually
- Triad partnership, parish, home and school work closely together to encourage a support system of a faith-based curriculum through prayer, liturgy, moral justice and scripture.
- Regular visits from Father Joel to provide guidance and support to our staff and students
- Staff, students, and parents participate in monthly student-created Virtues Assemblies (virtually this year).
- Recognize our faith in daily prayers, sacred spaces, and religious instruction.
- Each month the Rosary Apostolate will visit the classrooms virtually to pray the Rosary with all of the students.
- Catholic School Council begin with prayers/liturgies
- Staff PD opportunities

**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
Reconciliation for Confirmation Candidates		March 2022
First Reconciliation	April 2022	
Confirmation Mass Celebrations		May 2022

First Communion Mass Celebrations	June 2022	

### Liturgical Celebrations:

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

Celebration	Date
Opening Mass	Wednesday, October 27 <sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.
Advent Mass	Wednesday, December 8 <sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m. (virtually)
Easter Mass	Date forthcoming
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ TBD
School Reconciliation	Date forthcoming
Year End Graduation Mass	Date forthcoming
School Confessions	Date forthcoming

### 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 Lady of Fatima students are encouraged to look beyond themselves to the needs of others. As a community of faith, we demonstrate empathy, compassion and generosity by supporting those in need. We will continue to look for opportunities to demonstrate our commitment to Jesus and His ministry through community service projects. As a faith community, we may be called to be involved in outreach that is not listed below.

- School participates in Share Life throughout the school year.
- Support our families at Christmas and Easter through our Food Drive and Christmas Basket program.

Participate in various fundraising efforts to support the needs within the community and the world, such as Terry Fox (individual classes walked around the school at staggered times, St. Louise Outreach, ShareLife and United Way, Coats for Kids, and Christmas Baskets). We also

participate in the reconciliation process, Black History Month, and other special, commemorative days.

### **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....*

Our Lady of Fatima staff strive to instill the values of the Catholic Graduate Expectations into students as they journey in faith to becoming well-rounded members of society.

- Reinforce the qualities outlined by the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations in our religion lessons, Virtues Assemblies, and particularly in our sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, and Grade Eight Graduation.
- Staff will share this message with the parent community at School Council meetings and School Newsletters.
- Social Committee this year will support the modelling of the Catholic School Graduate expectations as they plan and organize a variety of activities to promote school spirit and engage their peers in social outreach initiatives
- Participation in programs about digital citizenship and how to use social media in a socially responsible way
- ECO schools- planning initiatives such as Earth hour, Energy Audits and Waste Audits
- Bullying Prevention and awareness 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.*

The program of virtue education for students is an essential part of the offerings at Our Lady of Fatima. This program helps students understand and appreciate the importance of character traits such as honesty, respect for others, self-control fairness and empathy.

- Virtue Assemblies take place each month (virtually). Students are honored with certificates when they practice God's will.
- The Daily Prayer for the virtue of the month is recited by the whole school each day from the PA System. Daily announcements often include key messages about our Virtue of the Month. We also introduce and focus on the Virtues through our daily announcements and a Nearpod or Google Meet activity at the start of each month.
- We will continue to infuse the virtues in our daily teachings to promote greater awareness of living out the virtues in our lives.
- Virtue is highlighted on our school newsletter, school website and bulletin board displays

### **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.*

- Visible symbols of our faith are on display throughout the school.
- Each classroom has a cross and prayer table.
- Classrooms display work in hallways to reflect their learnings and connections with the Religion Curriculum as they explore and experience their faith development. Virtues full-length banners are displayed in the library.
- Front foyer has a beautiful mural and our alter that is draped with a colored cloth from the liturgical season.
- School masses are actively celebrated virtually
- Regular classroom visits from Father Joel
- Our monthly newsletters highlight the monthly virtues, school faith activities and any social outreach initiatives that involve our students.
- Daily announcements include readings and scriptures

- Catholic Code of Conduct embedded in discipline and rehabilitation
- Advent preparation
- Staff liturgies and reflections
- Continued implementation of our virtues program
- Daily religion/family life formal instruction
- Informal living and teaching of our faith occurs throughout our daily interactions and respect for others

### **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](#)
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**Signature Page**

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

**Teacher(s): Peter Saieva**

**Chair of Catholic School Council: Agnes Mocko**

**Vice Principal(s)**

**Principal: Alessandra Fiore**

**Superintendent: Tammy-Lynne Peel**