

# PASTORAL PLAN

School: **St. Philip Elementary School**

## School Mission Statement:

The mission of St. Philip school is to provide a Catholic Education that develops the unique talents and abilities of all learners and encourages all to follow Jesus' call to service in our local and global community

School Motto: **We are called**

Our Parish: **Cristo Rei**

Pastor: **Rev. Carlos Macatangga, SVD**

Parish website: **[www.cristo-rei.com](http://www.cristo-rei.com)**

## Message from the Pastor:

Our school is under the pastoral care of Cristo Rei Parish. We encourage our families to register with the parish, and to join us for Saturday Mass at 4pm in Portuguese and 6:00pm in English, or on Sunday Mass at 9m and in Portuguese or 11am and 5:30pm in English.

## Message from the Catholic School Council:

Parents have many options in selecting educational opportunities for their children. It is indeed one of the most important choices we can make for our children's future. In choosing a Catholic school, we are providing our children with spiritual development skills they will need to build a bright future. Our children are leaders and our goal is to develop a safe and nurturing environment conducive to academic excellence, safety and well-being. Let us work together as a community to meet the spiritual needs of our entire community. With the grace of God, let us come together to make decisions that in the best interests of our community. Let us strengthen relationships and come together as a community to share our gifts and talents.

## 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**

-Crowning of Mary Celebration with the Rosary Apostolate  
-Prayers over the PA  
-Liturgy to begin and end the week  
-Virtue assembly  
-Welcome to Kindergarten evening  
-Classroom visits  
-Possible volunteer appreciation luncheon

### **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.*

-prayers over PA system  
-Youth Faith Ambassadors  
-Virtue assemblies

- Virtue awards
- Sacramental preparation
- Masses/liturgies/celebrations throughout the year
- Lenten and Advent retreats

**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
<i>First Communion information meeting</i>	<i>Sept 27 – Cristo Rei parish meeting</i>	

**Liturgical Celebrations:**

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

Celebration	Date
Opening Mass	Oct 28, 2022, 10:30am
Remembrance Day Liturgy	Nov 11, 2022
Advent Mass	TBD
Ash Wednesday	February 22, 11am
Easter Mass	TBD
St. Philip Feast Day	May 3, 1:30pm
Advent and Lenten Confessions	December and March

**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.*

- Donation collections of gift cards for St. Vincent de Paul for Christmas
- Christmas mitten/hat tree
- Food drives
- ShareLife fundraisers throughout the year
- ECO team initiatives (Boomerang lunches, Turn out the lights, school ground cleanup, etc.)
- Terry Fox walk/run

### **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 learning
- post visible signs of the OCSGE around the school and classrooms
- celebrate masses/virtues as a school
- promote forgiveness, caring and respect when conflicts arise
- promote self-reflection in both students and staff
- focus on respecting the thoughts and opinions of others
- celebrate our gifts given to God

### **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....*

- student lead monthly assemblies
- teachers use the virtues as the foundation of their teaching and learning experiences
- monthly Virtue recognition

-Virtue certificates given to students

**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 cases in front foyer
- all classes have crosses and Bibles
- all classes have prayer tables
- alter display in front foyer
- stage cover has symbols of virtues in front foyer

**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 - 2024

**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**

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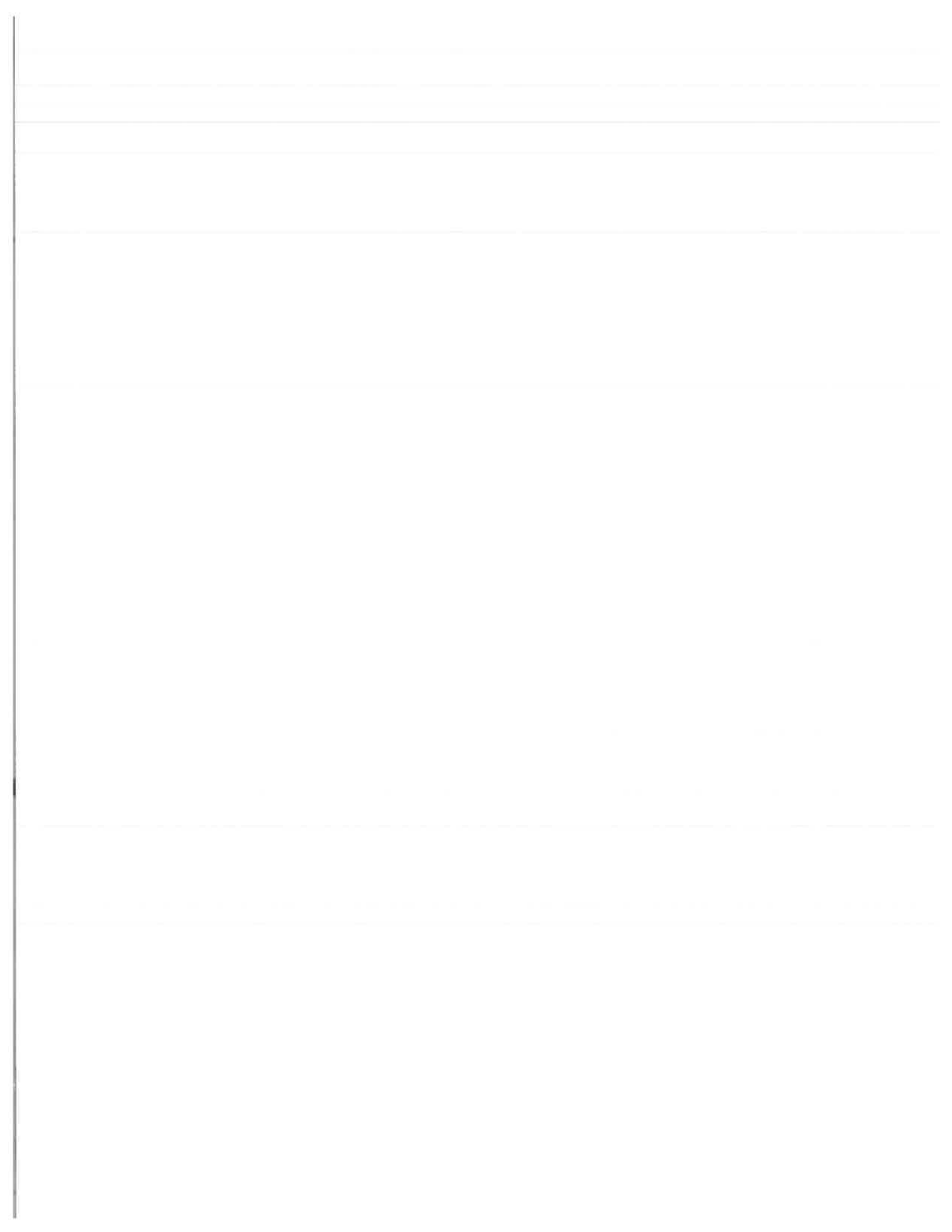
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