

PASTORAL PLAN

School Name: Choose an item.

St. Oscar Romero Catholic Secondary School

School Motto or Mission Statement:

The mission of District Alternative Programs in partnership with Family, Community and Church offers youth a flexible Catholic Education Pathway to continue learning. Students enrolled in these programs are provided with an enhanced sense of belonging, engagement, and responsibility for learning which assists them in reaching their full potential. The goals of these programs broadly concern: helping students earn the credits required to graduate from secondary school; providing career development; fostering psycho-social development and facilitating transition to post-secondary and the workplace.

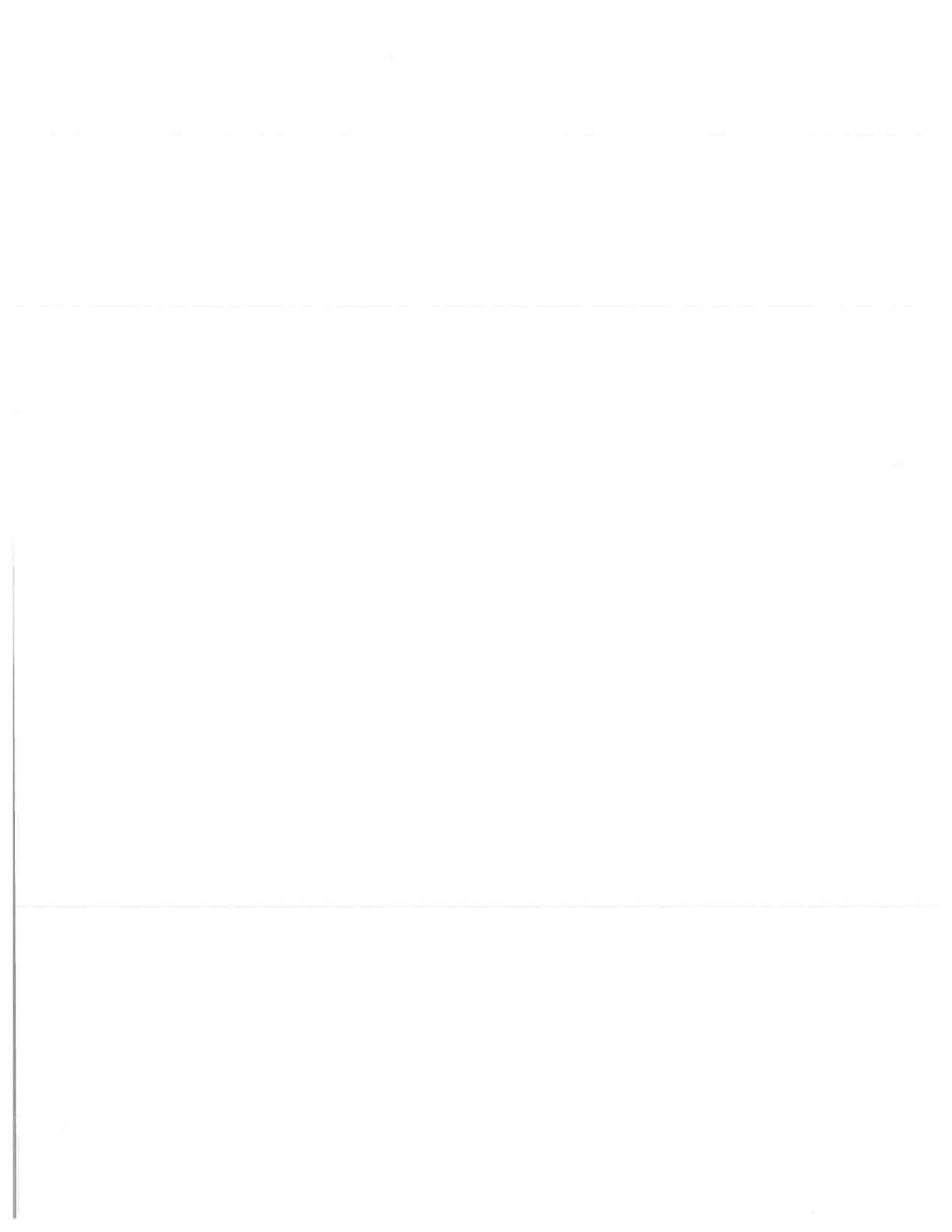
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Theme for the Year: *Living as Joyful Disciples*

Retreats

Each St. Oscar Romero site will participate in a retreat during the 2018-2019 school year. The retreats will take place at the St. Kateri Retreat Center or at another board approved retreat facility. The retreats will be supported by the St. Oscar Romero Chaplaincy support, Julie Webster.

Students will have opportunities for personal reflections during prayer and activities. As well as engage in community building activities.

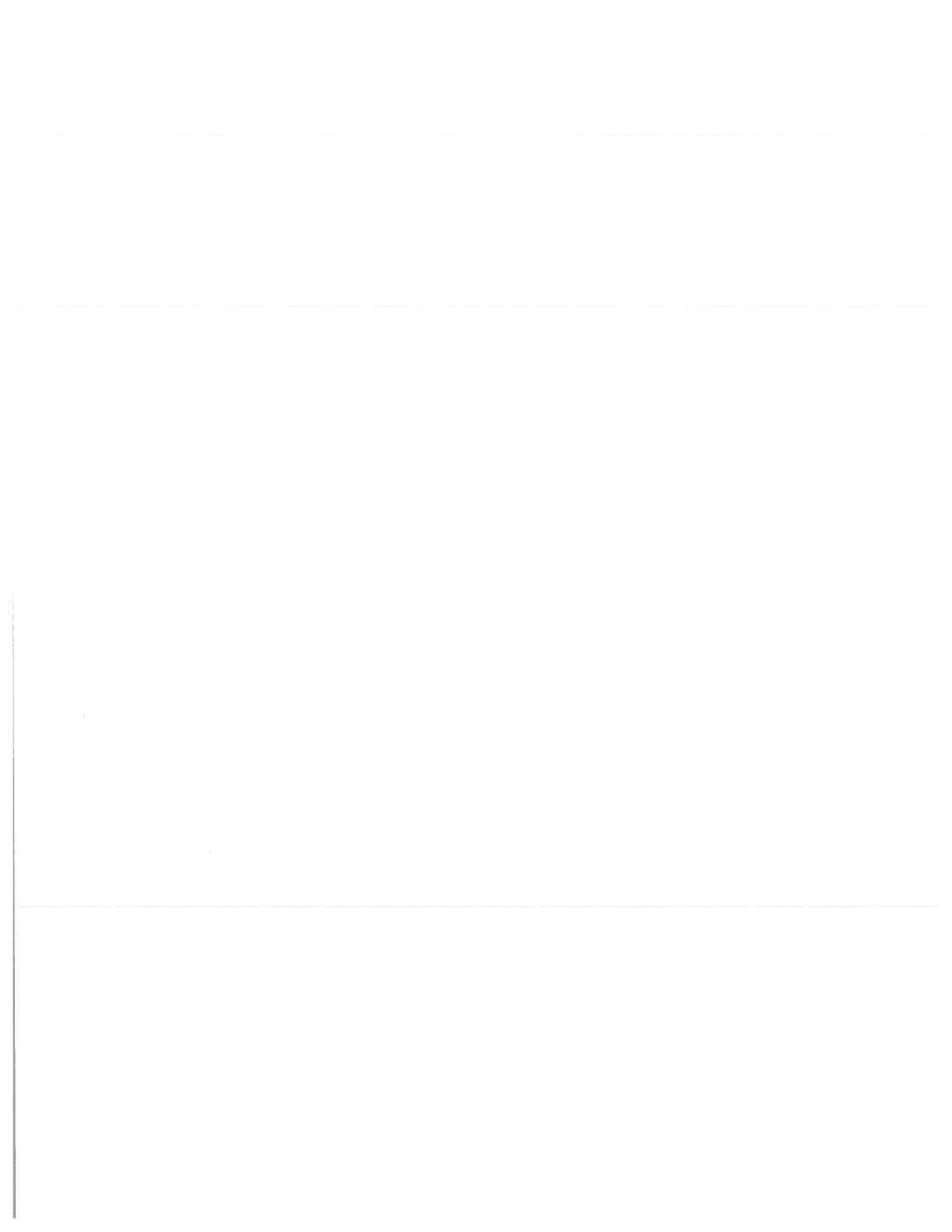


Activities of a Religious Nature

Activities of a Religious Nature with a substantial component of ritual and prayer
Opening Mass and Canonization Celebration – October 15, 2018
Advent Mass
Advent Liturgies – emailed to each site
Shrove Tuesday Liturgy
Ash Wednesday Liturgy and Distribution of Ashes
End of Year Mass in June

Other Pastoral/Outreach Activities

Pastoral Activities
<p>Sanctuary Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Sisters Planting Project with Eco Source – Indigenous harvest project; what is harvested goes back to the community • Good Shepherd – students prepare meals, sort food donations and prepare beds for our underprivileged community members • Scott Mission – students prepare and serve meals, sort food and clothing donations, wrap Christmas presents, to empower our less fortunate with hope, love and dignity
<p>Jean Vanier Brampton (JVAB) and/or Brampton Campus - Academic (BCA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Drives (Thanksgiving/Christmas) • Clothing donations for Dr. Simone • Class Trips (Community Outreach/Community Building – ex. Good Shepherd, Soup kitchen, Toronto events) • Community Potlucks (2x per semester) • Attend and participate in Mass • Christmas tree decorating • Christmas ornament decorations (students create and post images/words of what each of them is grateful for) • School trips to FMNI communities and elder visits and drumming circles • Attend retreats • Guest speakers • Garbage Clean-Up in community during the spring time



- Attend Girls' Day/Boys' Day
- Incorporate community needs into lessons (focus on the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations)
- Attend Black History Month Conference
- Newcomer Assessment Centre's after school programs and trips

ELD Program

- Dr. Simone's Christmas mass and assistance at the Canadian Food for Children warehouse
- Thanksgiving gratitudes
- Collaboration with Studio 89 -empowerment through the arts workshops offered to our students
- Attendance at school mass
- Christmas tree decorating
- Parent Orientation (students' parents invited to the class to see what we are learning about)
- Volunteers - assist our students with reading, writing, oral and numeracy skills
- Pen pals writing with John Cabot SS to build community past our classroom
- Tree planting with the Eco Club
- Girls/Guys Night In participation
- Outdoor retreats to build community - Silvercreek and Cedar Glen
- Students assisting with our breakfast program
- Journal reflections

Catholic Education Week

May 5 – 10, 2019 is Catholic Education Week.

During Catholic Education Week, St. Oscar Romero students will be invited to participate in the *Living as Joyful Disciples* project. Each site will be invited to use the theme, **Doing Justice and Creating Hope**, which highlights “The Christ-centred mission of each school, by its very nature, contains a call to service in the greater community. Catholic schools form disciples with a social conscience who put their faith into action.” Students will be inspired to create an artistic piece showcasing the legacy of St. Oscar Romero, the work he did for the poor and marginalized, and what they have done as Joyful Disciples to continue his legacy of social justice by reflecting upon the various opportunities they have to participate in acts of social justice and charity as Catholic youth.

Activities that support the Catholic nature of our school.

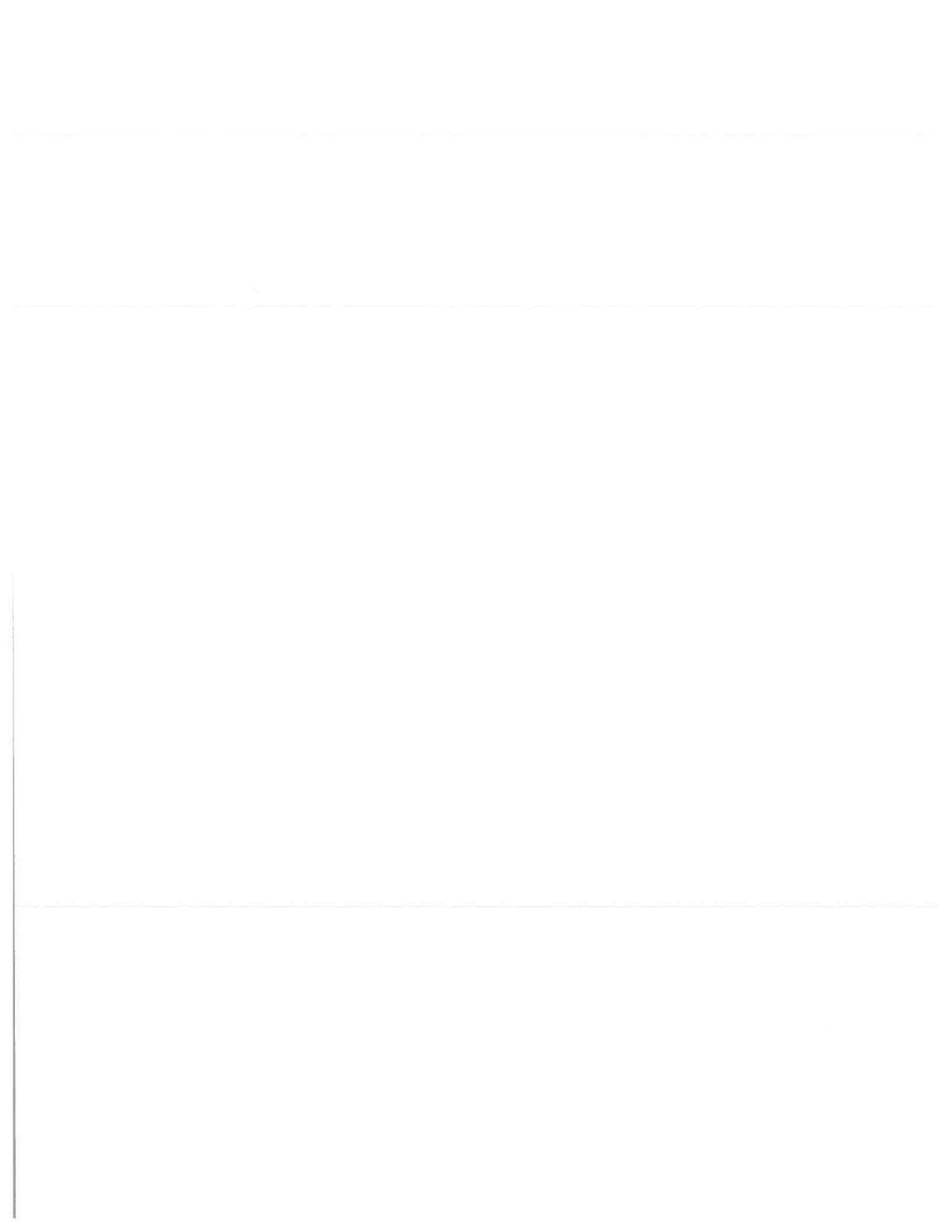
Catholicity across the school

Department	Departmental Activities and/or Events
Student Voice Council	Thanksgiving Clothing and Food Drive Advent Food Drive Lenten Food Drive Clothing Drive (with specific focus on clothing for the Good Shepherd Ministry in Toronto) Christmas Box assembly at The Knight’s Table
Staff Initiatives	Collections for Canadian Food for Children Donations to ShareLife – Dress Down Fridays

School Environment reflective of our Faith

These religious icons, symbols and visible expressions of our Catholic identity are present in the school environment:

- Prayer tables at each site
- Faith filled posters present at each location
- Advent wreaths located at each site



Collaborative School Culture

These activities are organized by the School Catholic Community Culture and Caring Action Team:

Girls' Day – 1st Semester
Boys' Day – 2nd Semester
Day of Pink
Anti-Bullying Week

Parish Connections

Planned and existing initiatives that maintain and enhance positive relationships with the local parish communities:

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District Priest in Residence Monsignor Shiels

Staff Faith Development

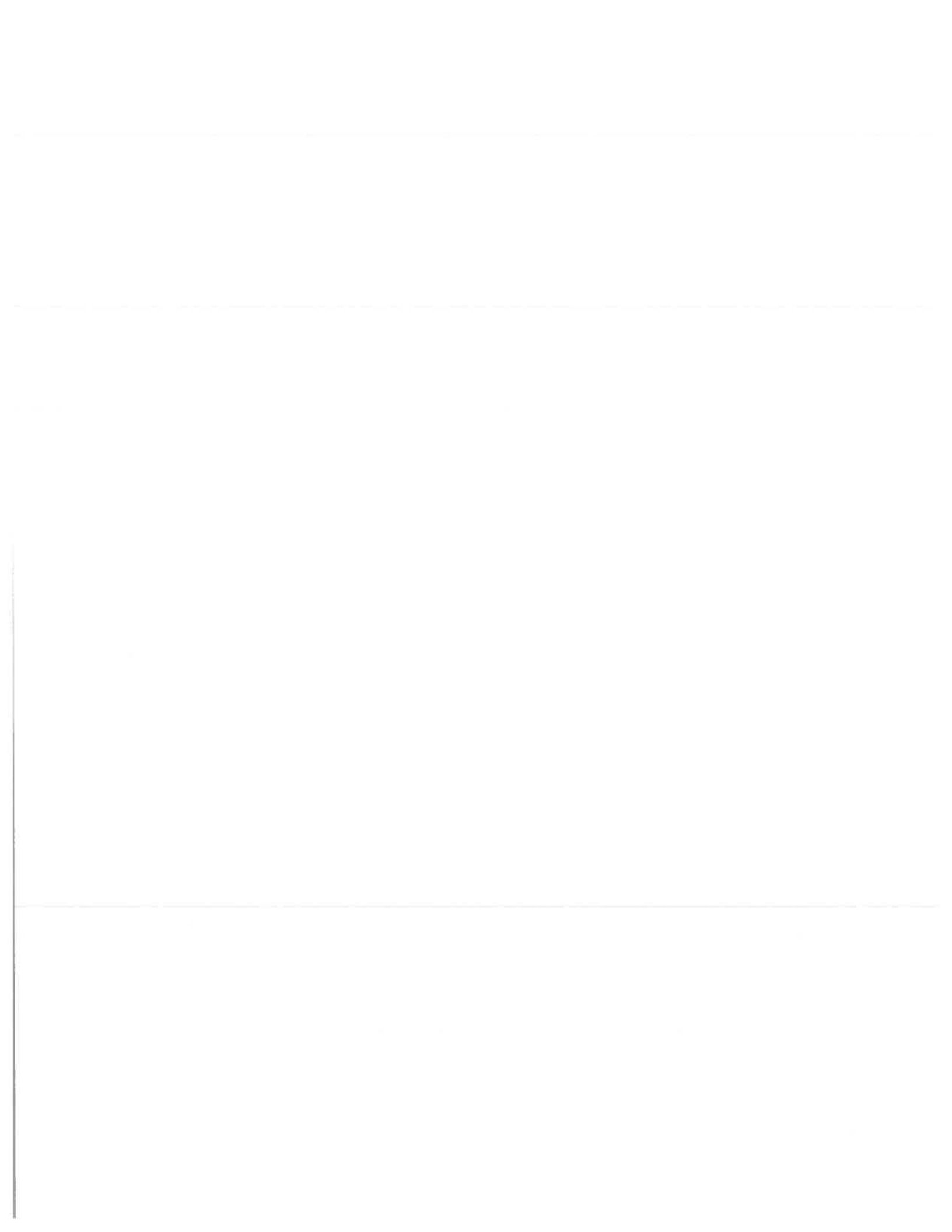
Catechesis and faith formation among our staff:

Prayer at staff meetings
Staff Mass and Liturgies

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:

All students transitioning into St. Oscar Romero are interviewed by a Student Success teacher, reviewed by the ART team members, and then welcomed into the program by teachers and support staff.
Ongoing transition support is provided by the entire St. Oscar Romero team including Student Success teachers, program teachers, support staff and Administrators
All students at St. Oscar Romero participate in the Grade 12 Learning Strategies course

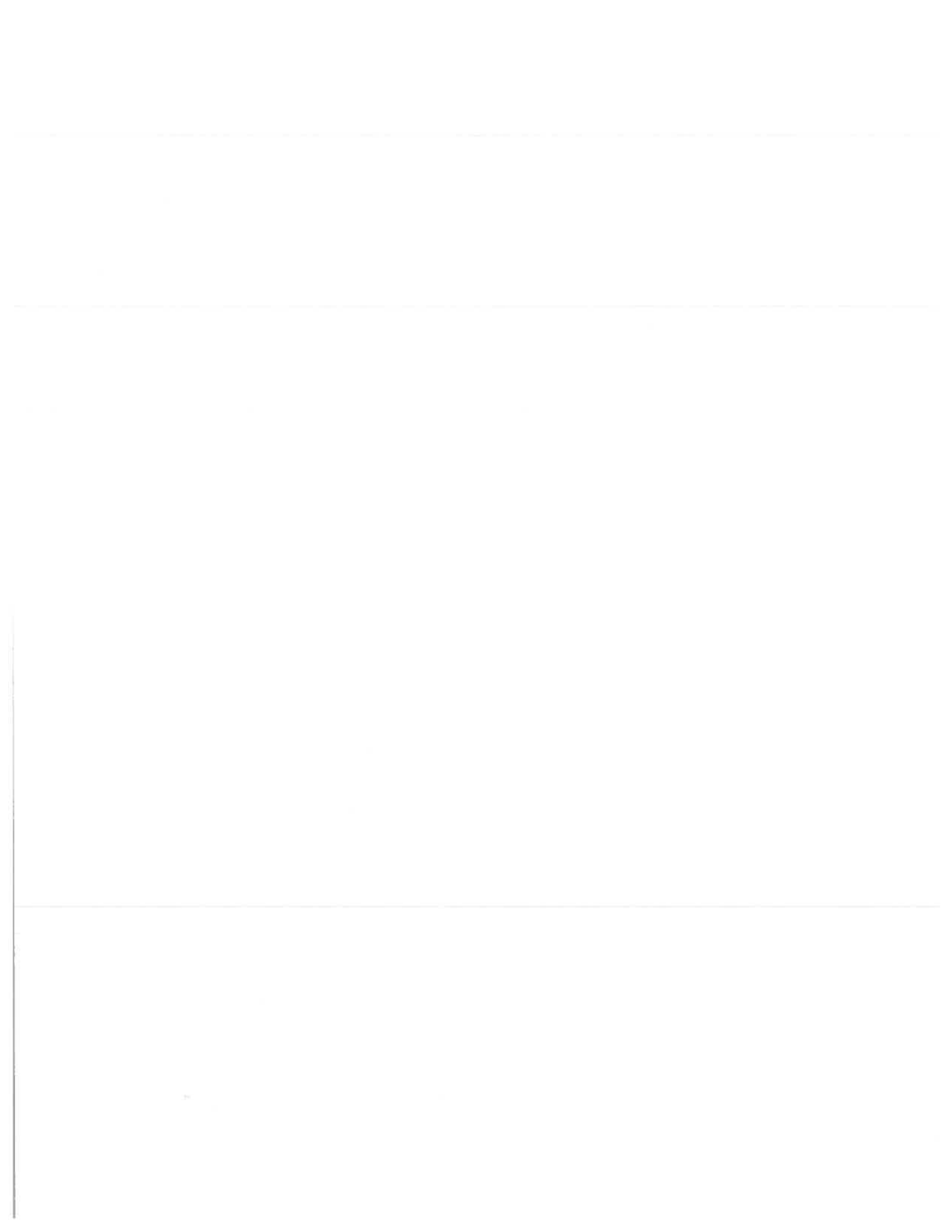


All students transitioning from St. Oscar Romero to Post-Secondary, create and complete an Individual Pathways Plan (IPP) using My Blueprint
Students are provided the opportunity to go to the Ontario College Fair

Vocations

Vocations to religious life and pastoral ministries promoted through:


Students will be invited to the Ordinandi Lunch
Students taking Grade 12 Religion have curriculum materials on vocations



Signature Page


Pastor

Monsignor Shiels



Chaplaincy Leader

Julie Webster



Faith Ambassador(s) (as applicable)

Chair of Catholic School Council

Vice Principal(s)

Cheryl Bobb

Maria Bueno

Principal

Elena Filice

Superintendent

Sue Steer

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