

PASTORAL PLAN

School Name: St. Oscar Romero Catholic SS

School Motto or Mission Statement:

Mission Statement: Dream Choose Act Succeed. 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 our 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 careers development; fostering psycho—social development and facilitating transition to post-secondary and the workplace. All programming is also connected to the Catholic Board Improvement Learning Cycle, the Catholic School Improvement Learning Cycle, and the Philosophy of meeting students where they are at, Knowing the Learner, and of Helping Students through the Planning Assessing and Supporting of Students, keeping in mind Student Voice, Mental Health and Well-Being and Resilience.

Theme for the Year: *Catholic Education: We are Many, We are One*
L'éducation catholique: À plusieurs, nous sommes un

Retreats

Due to the nature of our programming, religious retreats at St. Oscar Romero will take on a different form. Under the guidance and consultation of our Board's Religious Education team in our Program & Learning Services Department, each site at St. Oscar Romero will be provided the opportunity to engage in personal reflections through prayer and spiritual meditation These may take the form of a virtual experience and/or exploration of the outdoors. Community building activities and the exploration of nature will help foster students' awareness of their interconnectedness to God's creation, especially to the most vulnerable in society, and include a deep sense of solidarity to be responsible stewards of the earth. Teaching students to appreciate and respect the environment as well as being active and safe in digital and outdoor spaces are fundamental components

of being a Catholic School Graduate. The goal of these retreats is to enrich their personal faith and relationships with others and enhance individual well-being through the lens of nurturing hope.

Offering of Offsite Retreats to the Programs this year - to go off site and engage in a variety of outreach initiatives, as well as prayerful reflection and connection to faith.

Advantage (Brampton and Mississauga Combined) Offered to all students that took at least one course this year. Prayer to start the day, Reflection component and then a social outreach initiative (Dr. Simone, Work in a soup kitchen)

Sanctuary North and South – Outdoor Retreat – connection to Stewardship – Conservation.

MCA/BCA Combined - Prayer to start the day, Reflection component and then a social outreach initiative (Dr. Simone, Work in a soup kitchen)

New Directions Combined - Prayer to start the day, Reflection component connected to demission criteria and then a social outreach initiative (Dr. Simone, Work in a soup kitchen)

Activities of a Religious Nature

Activities of a Religious Nature with a substantial component of ritual and prayer are supported with Assistance from Deacon Ray Frendo, Faith Animator and Julie Webster Academic Consultant: Religious Education and Faith Formation

There are three sites/campuses at St. Oscar Romero C.S.S. Each site will host **one mass** for the school year, while the other two sites will be connected to the Mass through Teams broadcast.

School Liturgies planned and scheduled:

Morning Prayer – Lead by Campus CYW – Reflections and Prayers provided.

Thursday October 13, 2022 – Opening School Liturgy. Both in person and virtual due to different campuses. This will be the model for subsequent school masses and liturgies.

Remembrance Day Liturgy – November 11, 2022 – Broadcast from Blessed Trinity Campus

December 8, 2022 – Advent School Mass – Broadcast from West Drive Campus -
Shrove Tuesday Prayer shared over announcements at each campus
February 22, 2023 – Ash Wednesday School Liturgy and distribution of Ashes. Broadcast from Blessed Trinity Campus
April 13, 2023 – Easter School Mass – County Court Campus
June 13, 2023 – Closing School Mass – Blessed Trinity Campus
Staff Liturgies as offered by the Board throughout the school year.
Classroom Liturgies are provided to program teams for reflection.

Other Pastoral/Outreach Activities

Pastoral Activities
Ongoing - Leave What You Can, Take What You Need Initiative will collect new and gently used items for our students/families who need them. Items will be stored and kept in bins, one for each site and be invitational to our school community.
Bullying Awareness and Prevention Reflections shared at all three campuses – November 2022
December 2022- Gently used or new items for children and teens in developing countries. (Toys, games, books, stuffed animals, bicycles, tricycles, strollers, Shoes, boots, clothing, rainwear, umbrellas). Christmas Toy Drive with Peel Regional Police.
January 2023 – Winter Accessories and Candle Drive: hats, socks, mittens, scarves, coats, boots, warm clothing, sleeping bags, blankets, bedding. Candles provide light and heat. Used candles will be melted together to make new candles.
February 2023 – Toiletries of all kinds: soap, toothpaste, shampoo, toothbrushes, laundry detergent, deodorant, toilet paper, antiseptic. Lack of soap means lack of dignity and morale. A person in a developing country may have to work for 2 days to afford 1 bar of soap.
March 2023 – Monetary donations via School Cash Online (min. \$1.00) With donations of \$1.00, CFFC (Canadian Food for Children) can feed 20 children. With a donation of \$700.00, CFFC can fund the construction of a permanent home and change the life of a family.
April 2023 – Iodized salt, Sugar, and vegetable Oil Drive. Iodized salt prevents goiter, can prevent birth defects, overcome diarrhea, and prevent severe dehydration. Children who

are malnourished need sugar. Vegetable oil helps the body absorb Vitamins A, D and K. Lack of vitamin A is the most common cause of blindness. Vitamin D prevents rickets. Vitamin K prevents bleeding disorders.

May 2023 – School Supplies. Filling up school bags for children. In need of School supplies, Arts and crafts supplies and books.

June 2023 – Food Drive. Non-Perishable food items.

The Annual (internal) holiday fundraising campaign which goes to support our own Romero students in need. The campaign during the holiday season is set up to raise funds to purchase grocery gift cards for our student families facing financial hardship.

Throughout the School Year - Attend and participate in virtual liturgies.

Christmas Tree Decorations

Christmas Ornament Decorations

Virtual / Outdoor Retreats

Guest Speakers

Garbage community clean-ups organized by the Stewardship & Sustainable Practices Team.

Equity and Inclusion events offered by the Equity and Inclusion Team

Incorporate community needs into lessons with a focus on the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations.

Catholic Education Week – April 30 – May 5, 2023

Catholic Education: We are Many, We are One
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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.

"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**

The St. Oscar Romero school communities will engage in various activities during Catholic Education Week that encourage the students to reflect on the daily themes and overall focus on We are Many, We are One

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	Activities and/or Events
Advantage Brampton and Mississauga Mississauga and Brampton Alternative Coop New Directions North and South Romero Alternative Programming Brampton and Mississauga Sanctuary Brampton and Mississauga SWAC	Each develops a faith planner, which allows the program teacher to identify, plan, implement and support various faith-based activities that meet the needs of the students enrolled in their program. Integrating Learning Strategies with the Grade 12 Religion Course in developing practical skills through a Catholic perspective.
Student Voice	Virtual Liturgy Organization Charity Donation events
Staff Initiatives	Virtual Liturgy Organization

	Charity Donation events with donations to ShareLife: Dress Down Fridays
Liturgical Season	Physical aspects of our faith at each campus to reflect the liturgical seasons.

School Environment Reflective of Our Faith

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Welcoming space at the entrance of each site which highlights various liturgical and community-based celebrations throughout the school year

- Prayer tables at each site
- Crosses in each classroom
- Bibles provided to each program
- Morning Reflections
- Faith filled posters present at each location
- Advent wreaths located at each site
- Reflections and meditations reflective of liturgical seasons at each site.

Collaborative School Culture

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

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- Romero Equity and Inclusion Team – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Guest Speakers, Professional Development, Student Activities throughout the year, Equity Board at each site.
- Romero Stewardship and Sustainable Practices – various activities throughout the year to promote an appreciation and reverence to God’s creation, our common home.
- Our St. Oscar Romero CSS School History Team - As part of the St. Oscar Romero History Phase Three, inviting staff to put together a collection of students’ original reflections, prayers, and artwork. Collect any past, current, or future student work that reflects the

theme of school history. It could be a picture of your student’s work or a file they may have shared with you. A Google Folder was shared to allow items to be uploaded. This is an ongoing project as we continue to collect projects. Current goal for 2022-23 is to gather and share photos from school events, liturgies, and program events. Social Media Twitter and website.

- Student Voice – activities identified, planned, and developed by Romero students.

Parish Connections

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- Dufferin-Peel Catholic District Priest in Residence Monsignor Shiels participates in school wide liturgical gatherings (virtually and in person)
- Supported by Deacon Ray Frendo and Julie Webster
- Include virtual pastoral remarks in monthly meetings.
- Invite the possibility of having parish priests and religious leaders close to the three sites of St. Oscar Romero C.S.S. to visit the campuses in the school year.
- Our school is linked to Merciful Redeemer Roman Catholic Parish.

Staff Faith Development

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- When Faith Meets Pedagogy 2022 - Virtual Conference ‘Guardians of Hope, Bearers of the Promise, Stewards of Creation’. This year’s Virtual When Faith Meets Pedagogy 2022 Conference was held on October 27, 28, and 29, 2022
- Adult Faith Ambassador Gatherings and events.
- Adult Faith Formation for All Speaker Series
- Prayer at staff and Program meetings
- Staff participation in School Liturgies – Readings, Prayers, and Prayers of the Faithful
- Other faith-based events offered through the Rel Ed Team.

Transitions

All decisions around Transitioning students remain rooted in the CBILC (Catholic Board Improvement Learning Cycle) (Excel, Respect, Thrive, Trust, Believe) and the model of PAS (Planning, Assessing, Supporting) (Planning, Assessing, Supporting around Student Voice and Well-Being and Resilience)

All students transitioning into St. Oscar Romero participate in a transition process to ensure our staff understand who they are, and how we can be effective in supporting their needs. They are 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 Learning Strategies courses. All students transitioning from St. Oscar Romero to post-secondary, create and complete an Individual Pathways Plan (IPP) using my Blueprint.

The GLE/S course improves students' learning and personal management skills, preparing them to make successful transitions to work, training and/or postsecondary destinations. It assists and trains them in developing a comprehensive plan to help them meet their learning and career goals, aligned with the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations. It teaches them to be among other things, A discerning believer, an effective communicator, A reflective and holistic Thinker, A self-directed responsible, lifelong learner, a collaborative contributor, a caring family member and a responsible citizen.

The GLE/S course supports our student in their transition into St. Oscar Romero and emboldens their skill set while a Romero student and following their transition out of St. Oscar Romero.

Vocations

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- Students to be invited to the Ordinandi Lunch (March 9, 2023) at the Pearson Convention Centre.
- Guidance department sessions using the myBlueprint platform.

Resource List for Parents/Guardians

- **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 2021** – [Catholic Education Week 2022](#)

- Synod on Synodality - [Synod 2021 - 2023](#)

Resource List for Schools

- Multi-Year Strategic Plan - [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023](#)
- Encyclical Letter “Fratelli Tutti” - [Fratelli Tutti](#)
- Renewing The Promise - [Renewing The Promise](#)
- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
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