

Catholic Virtue Formation

A virtue is a habit or established capacity to perform good actions according to the moral standards reflected in the gospel. A Catholic school is the ideal place to practice and prepare to live a virtuous life, following the example of Jesus.

Many elements of Catholic character and virtue are purposefully developed in Dufferin-Peel schools. In the coming year, our schools will focus on encouraging growth in these particular virtues:

Faith... God made us to live together as a family community.

Empathy... God wants us to care about everyone's feelings

Conscience... God helps us to choose to be good people

Hope... God helps us to keep on working for a more peaceful world even when we feel discouraged.

Self-Control... God wants us to do what is we know and feel is right.

Respect... God wants us to treat all people with the respect they deserve.

Kindness... God wants us to give generously to others around us.

Love... God wants us to serve and to see the goodness in everyone we meet

Acceptance... God wants us to make friends with everyone no matter how different they may look or act.

Fairness... God wants us to treat each person as we would like to be treated.

When we act out these virtues, we are making the presence of God visible in the world around us. We will be participating in our own prayer that: your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

(Matthew 6:10)



School Liturgies, Sacramental Preparation and Celebrations

Beginning of the Year School Mass (Church)

Friday, September 30—10:00 a.m.

Remembrance Day Paraliturgy (School)

Friday, November 11 - 10:45 a.m.

Advent Family Mass (Church)

Tuesday, December 6—7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday (School)

Wednesday February 22—10:00 a.m.

Lenten/Easter Mass (School)

Wednesday, March 7—10:00 a.m.

End of Year Mass (Church)

Thursday June 14—10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation and First Holy Communion:

Parent Meeting at St. Martin of Tours Church:

Monday/Tuesday September 19/20 - 7:00 p.m.

Celebration of Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday November 22- 7:00 p.m.

Rite of Enrolment

Masses between Saturday January 21 and Sunday January 29

Celebration of Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Masses between Saturday April 21 and Sunday April 29

Confirmation:

Parent Meeting at St. Martin of Tours Church:

Monday/Tuesday September 26/27 - 7:00 p.m.

Rite of Enrolment

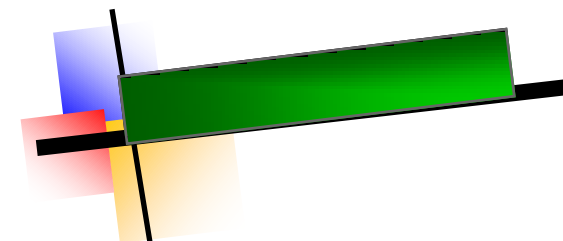
Masses between Saturday October 22 and Sunday October 30

Celebration of Sacrament:

Monday April 16—7:00 p.m.

Grade 8 Graduation Mass:

Wednesday June 27- 6:30 p.m.



St. Jerome

Catholic School

Pastoral Plan 2011 — 12



Living and Learning in Faith



St. Jerome School

Mission Statement



St. Jerome school, in partnership with family and church, provides a journey into Catholic education which fosters spiritual and intellectual growth rooted in the Gospel teachings of Christ.

Motivated by a quest for knowledge and understanding, inspired by faith and impelled by God's call to love, students will discover their potential and utilize their God given talents to work respectfully and cooperatively.

Empowered with a positive sense of self esteem, our students will be encouraged to live fully and to use their talents in service to the community of God's people, thereby making the world a better place.



Prayer

Prayer is a part of the morning exercises and routines, and is used throughout the day in various formats and for various occasions.

- each classroom has a prayer table and students are encouraged to pray throughout the day....beginning of school day, before lunch and at dismissal



- prayers are used for student assemblies
- prayers are posted in all classrooms for learning and habit
- prayers are read and made through the religion program
- prayers are used for special occasions, intentions, and healing of others

Social Action - Outreach

Initiatives organized through the Parish and school, including staff, parents, School Council, Student Council and Youth Faith Ambassadors.

- Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Christmas Food Drive
- Mitten Tree Drive at Christmas for needy children
- Christmas Hampers
- Lenten activities to support various charities
- Share Life campaign (various school activities)
- Social outreach activities, including Free the Children
- Rosary Makers
- Other links to the community which arise from a need or become an initiative of a class

