

Pastoral Plan

2010 / 2011



All Saints School

**Together with the families of All Saints School and
St. Ignatius Loyola Parish,
we are responsible for building a community that expresses the joy
and hope of our Catholic Faith and visibly symbolizes a deep
commitment to academic excellence, life-long learning
and Faith development.**



“the gifts we have, we are given to share” (Corinthians)

“Catholic education has a long and glorious history in Ontario and graduates of the Catholic system have contributed richly to the fabric of our society for over 160 years.”

J. Kostoff, Director of Education, On Catholic Education

School Mission Statement

It is the mission of all Saints Catholic School...

To challenge students to:

- Develop as independent thinkers who are engaged in life-long learning and the pursuit of excellence in reaching their full spiritual, academic and physical potential.
- Acquire and demonstrate basic skills and attitudes that equip them for the future.
- Grow in an understanding of Roman Catholic teachings and traditions and to incorporate these into their everyday life.



By providing an environment...

- Where we grow and learn within the context of a cooperative, community team of the Family, School and Church
- That is nurturing and safe, where the Christian ideals of mutual trust, responsibility, equality and respect for all are encouraged.

Our Beliefs

1. Let us be humble.
2. Let us begin each day with open hearts and minds.
3. Let us recognize partnership between our families, faith and school communities.
4. Let us remember that in giving we receive.
5. Let us always be willing to reach out as stewards of God's earth and its peoples.

All Saints School Motto:

Dare to Learn!

Dare to Dream!

All Saints – Building Roads to the Future

School Faith Goals

DEEPENING AND SUSTAINING OUR SPIRITUALITY

- Staff and students will deepen their understanding of Catholic Virtues through implementation of our **VIRTUES** program and through monthly student Virtues Assemblies
- The school community will actively develop an appreciation, understanding, and knowledge of the Mass.
- Students at all grade levels will improve their knowledge and enhance their understanding of our Christian Faith Story as told in both Testaments of the Bible.
- The school community will continue to expand initiatives in stewardship and social justice, which meet individual, local and global community needs, always being mindful of a Catholic perspective.
- The school will continue to expand our Youth Faith Ambassador programme and have students more frequently and authentically reflect on “How can I [they] contribute to the common good?”



Visible Signs of Living our Catholic Faith

- Ambassador gatherings for staff and students
- School Wide Liturgical celebrations and gatherings
- Staff Liturgies and Reflections
- Student led morning announcements
- Daily classroom prayer: beginning of the day, lunch and dismissal
- The foyer of the school welcomes students, staff, parents and visitors in a Faith-filled community. The signs of our Faith, including the altar, statue of the Mary, and scenes of the lives of Saints, are visual reminders of our common heritage and the liturgical seasons.
- Classrooms have a prayer table/corner for individual prayer opportunities/focus for class celebrations
- Daily Religious/Family Life Education
- Virtues Bulletin Boards
- Informal living and teaching of our faith occurs throughout our day in our treatment/respect of others
- Missionary presentations to students
- *We all strive to being living icons of Faith*

Our Pastoral Plan includes elements of:

1. **Faith Formation**
2. **Evangelization,**
3. **Social Justice, Stewardship**
4. **Faith Leadership.**

Faith Formation:

The Sacraments will be coordinated through St. Ignatius Loyola Parish

First Holy Communion / Reconciliation: Confirmation

October 04, 2010- Teacher Meeting
October 05, 2010- Teacher Meeting

First Holy Communion / Reconciliation: Confirmation

October 19, 2010 – Parent Meeting
October 21, 2010 – Parent Meeting

Confirmation Retreats

~~October 21, 2010~~
TBD

First Holy Communion

May 01 & 08, 2011

Reconciliation:

February 02, 2011

Confirmation (rehearsal)

May 11, 2011

Confirmation (ceremony)

May 15, 2011



Evangelization:

School Masses

Thanksgiving Mass –October 4
Advent Mass –December 6
Lenten Mass – March 24
End of the Year – June 20



Why is the Mass so Important?

The Catholic Church calls the Mass ‘the source and summit of our Christian lives’ (Catechism, 1324). It is both the source and summit because, at Mass, we encounter Jesus in a unique way. There we come into his presence, uniting our lives with his. There we receive Christ himself in Holy Communion, which is truly his Body and Blood.

Excerpt from CTS Essentials: What happens at Mass? Why is the Mass so important? What is at the heart of the Mass?

Social Justice/Stewardship:

Our school community works together as one family as we support one other and respond to the needs of the larger community, through such **activities as:** Bears, Candles Light Up a Life, Candy Collection, Soap for Hope, Share Life Hockey Game, School Supplies Drive, Food Drives, Toy Drive, Recycling Program, Share Life, United Way, etc.

September	-	Good Bears for the World Canada
October	-	United Way (staff)
November	-	Eden Food Bank Food Drive and Toonie Campaign /Candy Collection
December	-	Christmas Outreach/ St. Vincent de Paul
January	-	Coats/Warm Clothing Collection
February	-	Share Life Spirit Days
March	-	Share Life Hockey Game
April	-	Autism Fundraiser\”Soap for Hope” Drive
May	-	Share Life - Salt
June	-	“Loonies for Learning”/School Supplies Drive

Faith Leadership:

Adult Faith/Leadership: Ambassadors facilitate staff faith development through liturgies, prayer, retreats and other activities.

Student Faith/Leadership: Prayer is an essential component in experiencing God’s presence and in developing a relationship with God.

Various forms of prayer are used in class and as a school community.

Further opportunities for student faith development and leadership are also supported throughout the year by our Youth Faith Ambassadors. This program is based on the principles of youth ministry: presence, welcome, friendship, dialogue, a caring community and a calling to serve in the name of Jesus. As well, the work of the Safe, Caring, Inclusive, Healthy School Communities committee at All Saints School is an integral component of Adult and Student Faith Leadership at the school.



Catholic Community Assemblies (Virtues)

Each month, the school population gathers as a community to celebrate the virtue of the month. The Catholic Community assembly incorporates a variety of activities (singing, dancing, drama) related to the virtue. The assemblies include the presentation of the Brendan deSouza award as well as other awards to students who continue to demonstrate the virtues of our faith.

Faith	-	September 21
Empathy	-	October 19
Conscience	-	November 16
Hope	-	December 14
Self Control	-	January 18
Respect	-	February 15
Kindness	-	March 22
Love	-	April 19
Acceptance	-	May 17
Fairness	-	June 21

