

MISSION STATEMENT

OPEN DOORS: We feel accepting warmth. We hear laughter. We see joy and awe. We recognize a secure environment. We speak prayers of welcome.

OPEN HEARTS: We feel a loving spirit. We hear equality in God's message. We see togetherness. We recognize unity in diversity. We speak prayers of compassion.

OPEN MINDS: We feel challenge. We hear the voice of all. We see the benefits of lifelong learning. We recognize creative independence. We speak prayers of community. We are "Our Lady of Peace."

VIRTUE EDUCATION

Every month we will gather as a community of faith and recognize the virtues in the actions of our students. The virtues are rooted in the Gospel Values and emphasized in the Catholic Graduate Expectations with an emphasis on the development of the whole child.

These are the virtues that we will recognize and promote throughout the school year:

<i>September</i>	<i>Faith</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Empathy</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Conscience</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>Hope</i>
<i>January</i>	<i>Self Control</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>Respect</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>Kindness</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Love</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Acceptance</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>Fairness</i>

Together We Learn

BELIEF STATEMENTS

We believe that

... we grow in our faith as a community by living the gospel values of love, justice, compassion and service in our daily lives.

...each individual within the community can grow intellectually, emotionally, socially and spiritually through meaningful and challenging learning experience.

...we bring out the best in each other by working together to create welcoming and supportive relationships.

...all partners in our school – staff, parish, parents, and volunteers strive to put children first by building a community that communicates effectively and works cooperatively with one another.

...each individual is unique and that treating each other with courtesy, kindness and respect fosters a caring and safe learning environment.

... a professional staff working collaboratively to enhance the learning environment and their own learning enriches the lives of everyone.

OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

15 Fincham Ave.
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Pastoral Plan 2011/2012



Faith in Education

*"... Let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good
works..."*

Matthew 5:14

THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Attending Catholic School in Ontario is a privilege that we have had for more than 160 years. The distinction of Catholic Education lies in the collaboration between the home – school – and parish in educating the whole child. We celebrate our uniqueness and our similarities as we remain rooted in our gospel values. To strengthen our Catholic identity, we will continue to develop opportunities for faith formation of students and staff, together with an educational program which strives to integrate the school's and board's fundamental beliefs and values into all of its endeavors.

C. Cauduro
Principal

"In a Catholic School, everyone should be aware of the living presence of Jesus the "Master" who, today as always is with us in our journey through life as the one genuine "Teacher," the perfect Man in whom all human values find their fullest perfection." The Holy See's Teaching on Catholic Schools, Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, 2006

Parish & Home connections

Our Lady of Peace is very fortunate to have Father Jan Kolodynski our spiritual leader. He visits our school community and adds to the development and celebration of our faith. Ongoing and effective communication between home, parish and school is essential for supporting our students' faith formation and creating successful learning experiences. Parents are welcome to attend school liturgies, sacramental preparations, and to support our efforts in creating a strong sense of stewardship among our students by supporting school outreach projects and community charities.

SCHOOL PASTORAL PLAN

As the adult faith ambassadors for our students, our school pastoral plan allows us to explore our role in the formation of our future Catholic leaders.

Through the Use of Prayer...

Prayers, virtues reflections, readings from Scripture, and O' Canada are part of every student's opening exercises. Prayer gathers us together as a community of faith and then resonates in all our activities throughout the school day.

Through Special Liturgical Celebrations...

As Catholics, we praise God every day and we are thankful for our many blessings. We use special times of the year to highlight our thanks to God for all that He has done for us by coming together in church. Our school year celebrations where the home, school and parish gather together will be: Opening School Mass, Advent Mass, Ash Wednesday Liturgy, and End of the Year Mass.

Through Community Service & Outreach Projects

As a community of faith, we show our compassion and generosity by giving to those in need. We will continue to look for opportunities to demonstrate our commitment to Jesus and His ministry through community service projects. Lead by our youth faith ambassadors, students at Our Lady of Peace reach out to their community by supporting Sharelife and United Way, St. Jerome's Parish, St. Louise Outreach, Covenant House and Catholic Family Services and Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives.

Sacramental Preparation

Sacramental preparation is central to the faith formation of each and every student. At Our Lady of Peace, our grade two and grade eight teachers, supported by the parish team at St Jerome's Parish, spend a great deal of time preparing students for the sacrament of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. These are truly significant moments in the formation of our student's catholicity and to our commitment to the Catholic Church.

LITURGICAL YEAR AT A GLANCE

Date	Celebration
Friday, October 7, 2011	Thanksgiving Liturgy (1:15)
Wednesday October 19 th	Opening School Mass
Thursday, November 11, 2011	Remembrance Day Liturgy (10:30)
Thursday, December 1, 2011	Advent Mass (9:30)
Friday, December 9, 2011	Advent Liturgy Week 2 (1:45)
Thursday, December 15, 2011	Advent Liturgy Week 3 (10:00)
Tuesday, February 14, 2012	Friendship Liturgy (1:45)
Wednesday, February 22, 2012	Ash Wednesday Liturgy (9:30)
Thursday, April 5, 2012	Stations of the Cross (1:45)
Thursday, April 19, 2012	Easter Mass (9:30)
Thursday, May 31, 2012	Praying the Rosary Celebration of Mary 9:30
June, 13 2012	Year End Mass at Church