

# Queen of Heaven Pastoral Plan 2010-2011



## **Board Mission Statement**

THE MISSION OF THE DUFFERIN-PEEL ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FAMILY AND CHURCH, IS TO PROVIDE, IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER, A CATHOLIC EDUCATION WHICH DEVELOPS SPIRITUAL, INTELLECTUAL, AESTHETIC, EMOTIONAL, SOCIAL, AND PHYSICAL CAPABILITIES OF EACH INDIVIDUAL TO LIVE FULLY TODAY AND TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE, THUS ENRICHING THE COMMUNITY.

**QUEEN OF HEAVEN SCHOOL**  
**PASTORAL PLANS**  
**2010 – 2011**

**Goals**

The goal of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic community is to enhance the faith formation of all community members (staff, student, trustees, parents) by strengthening the partnership of home, parish and school.

- Increase opportunities for students and staff to learn more about and experience social justice, service, and stewardship of the earth.
- Identify and integrate faith stories, teachings and virtues (all staff within their roles as Catholic educators), in order to provide a Catholic perspective across the system.
- Continue to nurture relationships between school and parish teams and school and home.

**Faith Principles Inherent in the Mission of Catholic Education**

1. Catholic education is rooted in the person of Jesus.
2. Religious education and faith formation are rooted in a biblical spirituality and Catholic tradition.
3. The spiritual dimension of the person is an essential factor in every person's education.
4. The partnership of family, church and school is essential to Catholic education.

**SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

We believe in developing and modeling respect for self and others, and living the Gospel values taught to us by Jesus Christ.

We believe that children require basic literacy and numeracy skills to support life-long learning.

We believe in providing students with the opportunity to develop personal and social skills necessary to work in a cooperative environment that transcends the boundaries of age, culture and social differences.

We believe in fostering an environment that instills a cooperative spirit within the school, the church and the family community.

We believe in communicating, supporting, sharing, interacting, caring and working in harmony, so that goals of excellence can be pursued with vigor and confidence.

## **Whole School / Class Liturgies/ Pastoral Visits**

Planned by All Staff (student centered ) - each individual staff member will sign up for two liturgies and will be responsible for assisting with the planning and the various roles involved in the liturgies.

- (i) School Opening Liturgy            September 22, 2010
- School Advent Mass                December 15, 2010
- School Lenten Mass                March 9, 2011
- School Closing Mass                June 17, 2011
- Graduation Mass                    June 27, 2011

(ii) At St. Dominic Parish it is the practice that each class has the opportunity to celebrate Eucharist at the church. Classes follow a rotation schedule (see attached schedule)

(iii) Principal meets each term with Fr. Jones, Pastor, to plan visits to the school, liturgical celebrations etc.

Teachers of the Sacramental grades meet with Fr. Phil Jones, pastor, throughout the year. Visits to the sacramental grades by Fr. Phil Jones and Fr. Whelen happen throughout the year

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

At the class masses, we use the readings of the day. Reading and psalms are to be read by the children and/or teacher. Classes may sing an opening and/ or closing hymn.

At the school masses, readings and Prayers of the Faithful will be assigned to students. There will be opening and offertory processions and hymns sung led by our school choir.

## **Sacramental Preparation and Celebrations**

Immediate preparations for the Sacraments are fulfilled by the Parish Team. Sacramental preparation meetings for parents and children are scheduled throughout the year. The school team focuses on the Sacramental program as in “Born of the Spirit”; school distributes communications from the Parish to the parents. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated only at the church. Parents are encouraged to present their children for the Sacrament. Reconciliation themes are taught at each grade level in the “Born of the Spirit” Program.

Registration meeting for Reconciliation & Eucharist: Sept. 26 & Sept. 28, 2010 (Parents only)

Reconciliation for Gr. 3- 8 (School): November 12 & 19, 2009 & March 4 & 5, 2010

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: December 1 & December 4, 2010

Celebration of the Sacrament of Eucharist: May 7 & 8, 2011 (all masses) May 15 (noon mass)

Sacrament of Confirmation: June 5 and June 12, 2011 (all masses)

## **Liturgies of the Word**

Thanksgiving Liturgy – October 9, 2010  
Remembrance Day - November 11, 2010  
Advent – November 29, December 10, 2010  
New Beginnings – January 13, 2011  
Ash Wednesday – March 9, 2011  
Stations of the Cross: April 21, 2011  
Crowning of Mary Celebration - May 26, 2011

## **D) Prayer**

The school community prays together each morning (PA). Each class is assigned a week(s) for preparing the prayer. Using an established format a class may select a prayer, scripture, a reading, a poem, etc. that supports the monthly virtues. In addition, prayers are recited in a different language on Friday's to celebrate our rich cultural diversity.

Each class has prayer time and celebrations to support the “Born of the Spirit” curriculum. Every meeting of staff, committees, School Advisory Council, begins with a prayer or Scriptural reading.

Each class utilizes the chapel for a prayer or liturgical celebration.

## **Classroom Prayers**

Prayer corners are an integral component of each classroom. As well, prayer will be utilized before and after lunch and at the end of the school day in both a traditional and non-traditional fashion.

## **E) Catechism**

Time is given for the teaching of religion and special catechetical times. Religion classes are scheduled as per times recommended in Program. This could be one half hour daily or 45 minutes, three times weekly. Religious education links to the theme of the year which is “Rejoicing in Hope” and has been shared with staff. A Focus on Hope in our Hearts, Hope in our Homes, Hope in our Schools, Hope in our Communities and Hope in our World is embedded throughout. Our Virtues program also remains tightly linked to the religious education program.

For each liturgical season the divisions mark the beginning of the liturgical season by “putting on the colour” of the season (purple/Lent, gold/Easter, green/ordinary time, Advent wreath/Advent, etc. A cloth, ribbons for candles, Bible markers are given to each class.

## **Resources**

Current resources, provided by the Adult Faith Department, available to teachers and students:

Children's Daily Prayer 2010-2011  
Lectionary of Word For School Children - Liturgical text for daily and Sunday masses  
A Year of Virtues

Library and personal resources are shared regularly with the teachers to enhance faith formation within the school community.

### **Retreats and/or Faith Opportunities**

#### **Students**

Grade 8 - Confirmation Retreat

Grade 2 - Holy Communion Retreat Activities

#### **Staff**

Prayer services

### **Gospel Action**

1. The student council and student faith ambassadors will be the integral leader of our food drives for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. The contents will be forwarded to the St. Dominic's Vincent de Paul Society. School Advisory Council and School Staff will sponsor families in need as well.
2. Intermediate students will volunteer in the local community.
3. The whole school community will be involved in our Share Life/United Way Campaign.
4. Confirmation candidates will be encouraged to complete service projects.
5. Liaisons will be set up with local associations in order to look at possible partnerships.
6. Continue to build communication skills which will help students to resolve conflicts and solve problems in a Christian manner through community building and anti-bullying programs.
7. Faculty will be involved in community outreach programs such as providing Christmas baskets for the needy and directing dress down funds to specific charities.
8. Students, staff and parents involved in anti-bullying activities aimed at building community and acceptance of each persons gifts, talents and uniqueness.

### **Community Faith Enrichment**

Information regarding family activities at the parish level will be disseminated via monthly school newsletter or at the School Advisory Council meetings through the parish representative on the School Advisory Council.

Front foyer displays - to promote awareness, to all who enter the school, of the liturgical seasons eg. Bible, Pascal candle, large wooden cross, colours to highlight the liturgical seasons

Open invitation extended to all parents and members of the school community, such as Special Services personnel, to join us at any of the Liturgical celebrations, school or class, or the celebrations of Faith throughout the year.

## **I) Other Faith Related Activities**

### **Faith opportunities for Staff promoted by Faith Ambassadors**

Following Board wide leadership gatherings to open the year of the Holy Spirit

- Weekend retreats
- Festival of Lights
- Twilight retreats during Advent
- Prayer Services during Holy Week

### **Following activities planned/ led by members of the School Liturgical Committee and/ or Faith Ambassadors**

- Prayer celebrations for staff (1) Advent (2) Christian Unity (3) Lent (4) Pentecost
- Prayers at all Staff Meetings, PLC's, Council Meetings
- Bulletin board highlighting activities etc. organized by the Adult Faith Department updated regularly by Faith Ambassadors



