

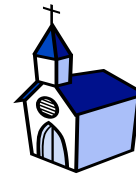


Retreats

- ❖ **Salesian Catholic Leadership Retreats** students are sponsored each year to be Catholic leaders at Iona and in the world
- ❖ **Grade 9 retreats** at St Christopher's lead by Carolyn Burles. Grade nine retreats are done by homeroom class.
- ❖ **Grade 10 retreats through Religion classes Social Justice** Canadian Food for Children; Catholic Social Teaching; a.m. at Dr. Simone's Warehouse. Activities incorporate the virtues of justice, faith, love, and conscience. Facilitated by our school Chaplaincy leader.
- ❖ **Grade 11 retreats through Religion classes** Visit Synagogue, Buddhist temple, Mosque, Hindu temple. The goal is to experience faith in the real world. These retreats are lead by the school chaplaincy leader.
- ❖ **Grade 12 retreats through Religion classes** Queen of Apostles, facilitated by John Devine. The theme of this retreat: Where do we find God present in our lives?
- ❖ **PIP retreat** Some of our students are integrated into the retreats with other students their own age. We also offer a retreat for PIP students only, at St Jude Centre

Crisis Response

- Hospital visits
- Chaplaincy open door policy for students in need
- Individual appointments
- Ministry of presence
- Visit funeral home and attend funeral



Parish Connection

Priests invited to classes Parish priests are invited to celebrate class and school liturgies as well as present on occasion to visit with students informally

- ❖ Priests celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation after each class mass
- ❖ Grade nine retreats at St Christopher's Parish Students attend parish mass as part of their retreat
- ❖ Increased community service opportunities with parish
- ❖ Working with parish to support a once/month youth mass
- ❖ Advertising parish events through the school and school events advertised through parish
- ❖ Carolyn Burles from St Christopher's frequently drops by Iona for class visits, volunteer fairs, etc.



Community Prayer

- ❖ Each morning there are reflections and morning prayers lead by students and the chaplaincy leader that encourage faith development and moral action in the world
- ❖ Fr Joseph from St Francis parish visits during Advent and Lent to celebrate class masses and the sacrament of Reconciliation with our students
- ❖ Fr Scott from St Christopher's celebrates Mass with the entire school community to open the school year, and in June to celebrate the end of the school year.
- ❖ 7:30 am staff Masses in the chapel
- ❖ Our Faith in Flight leaders along with the chaplaincy leader plan prayer services at Thanksgiving, for Remembrance Day, on Ash Wednesday to begin Lent, during Holy Week, and during the Easter season to strengthen the faith of our school community



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St. Columba



The Iona school community is inspired and challenged by the life of St Colm Cille (Columba) , the Irish monk who founded the monastery , on the Scottish island of Iona in 563 AD . St Colm was called by God to be a missionary and from Iona he brought the message of Jesus Christ to all of Scotland and northern England . Iona was established as a place of prayer & learning . It became a place from which to send missionary monks to spread the Gospel like the early apostles did . We at Iona Catholic Secondary school in Mississauga are called to follow the example of St Colm through prayer and study we are encouraged to act in the world to make Jesus real and present in all we do .

Prayer by St Columba

The path I walk , Christ walks it
May the land in which I am be without sorrow
May I arrive at every place I set out for
May I return home safely
May every path before me be smooth
And may all welcome me
A truly good journey is the one
That the lord shows us the path



God before me , God behind me
I am on your path O God
Be with me by day , be with me by night
St Columba of Iona

The pastoral plan contained within these pages fosters the goal within our vision statement “to recognize that God surrounds us with His love each day of our life ”

In partnership with families and the parish, we hope to instill in our students a love of God through Jesus Christ, helping them to realize they are called like St Columba to bring God’s love to all they meet .

Our retreat program reflects the desire to teach young people the value of taking time out to reflect on their relationship with self, others and their God. We pray that these experiences will plant a seed of faith that will be nurtured lifelong through the knowledge and love of our Lord, and Saviour, Jesus Christ.





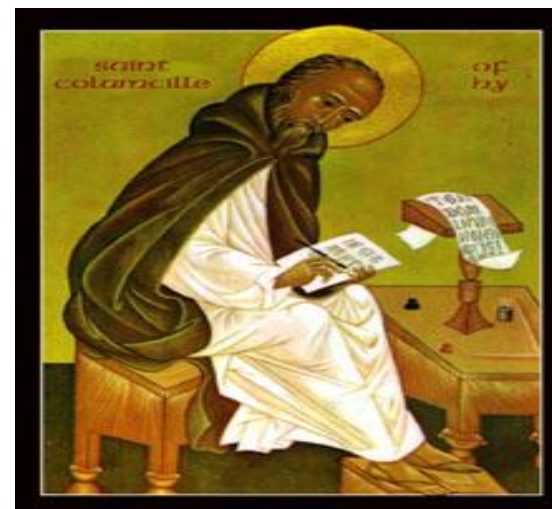
Prayer

- Each homeroom has a prayer table in their classrooms with a Bible, prayer book, candle, cross, Rosary etc.
- Morning reflection and prayer by chaplain, staff and students. Virtues will be incorporated into the reflections.
- Chapel open at all times for individual prayer
- Class chapel visits during Lent and Advent
- Prayer to begin each class.
- All Souls Day Memorial Book
- Remembrance Day Service
- Morning prayer in various languages of our community
- P.A. prayer to end the day using traditional Catholic prayers



Catholicity Goals

- **To call forth student leaders who in turn minister to their fellow students**
- **We will work more closely with the pastor and pastoral associate at St Christopher's parish and St. Francis of Assisi parish to strengthen the school – parish relationship**
- **We will focus on providing social justice and charity experiences for our students to put their faith into action in serving the various needs in our local community**



Justice and Charity

St Columba was always looking for opportunities to serve those who were in need and we at Iona desire to continue this work

- Scott Mission once per month – students are invited to go to a soup kitchen and feed the poor and homeless in the city of Toronto
- Street Patrol students go to inner city Toronto to hand out lunches to those who live on the streets around St Michael's Cathedral
- Thanksgiving food drive for Compass Food Bank
- We also do food drives for the Open Door food bank
- Advent service projects at each grade level support Compass, Birthright, Vita Manor and Armagh women's services
- March for Life students travel to Ottawa to Witness for Life
- Lenten 24 hour Think Fast – raise money for charities
- Green team environment club promotes recycling
- Haitian dancers – support their orphanage
- Grade 10 retreats go to work at Dr Simone's Warehouse
- Haitian water project – raise \$5000 to build a water filtration system that will provide clean water for 20,000 people