

## Religious Presence

### Expectations of Students

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and effective learning environment for all students and staff. We have developed expectations and disciplinary procedures that are both fair and consistent with Catholic Christian principles. All are based upon the concept of respect.

It is expected that all students will conduct themselves in a way that is consistent with the teaching of Christ and participate fully in all aspects of our religion program including retreats, liturgies, and scheduled credit courses.

### The Chaplaincy Team Leader

We are privileged to have Chaplaincy leaders in each of our high schools. They provide for the pastoral care and spiritual development of students and staff. Chaplains are available to staff and students for spiritual counselling, especially for individuals who are in crisis. They celebrate regular liturgies for small and large groups, act as liaisons with our local parishes and feeder schools, and co-ordinate the retreat program.

### The Chapel

The chapel is available for quiet reflection and prayer.

### The Retreat Program

An essential component of our religious life is the retreat program. It provides a much-needed opportunity for both students and staff to step aside from the pursuits of everyday life in order to meet God in prayer and to reflect on their call as Christians. It is our expectation that all students will take part in this program.

### Religion Courses

Students attending secondary school in the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board are expected to take a course in religion each year. The Ministry of Education recognizes these courses towards the attainment of a diploma, but more importantly, they will increase awareness of our faith and how to live it each and every day.

### Service

Our Board is committed to serving others, whether it is on a local or broader level. To this end, we will be involved in a number of activities, including regular food drives, charitable activities, and fundraising.

### *Our Religious Essence*

*It is our deep-rooted belief  
in Christ and His salvation  
that gives expression and life  
to our religious essence  
in all that we strive to do.*

*There is no separation  
between curriculum and faith,  
between extra-curriculars and spirituality,  
between community partnerships and belief.*