

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the St. Veronica Catholic School Community is to provide, in a responsible manner, a Catholic Education which develops the various capabilities of each individual to live fully today and to meet the challenges of the future, thus enriching our community.

We are dedicated and committed to the building of a strong partnership between the home, school and parish to help our children grow spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, morally, socially in the image of Christ.

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.

ST. VERONICA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Pastoral Plan 2011/2012



Faith in Education

“Enter to Learn, Prepare to Serve”

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. In our Catholic Schools we celebrate together and transform our schools into church – where we know He is. Together with all our partners we learn and work together as followers of Jesus – our Master Teacher.

S. Donaghue

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

St. Veronica School is very fortunate to have Father Robert O'Brien and Father Wenceslao Abalos our spiritual leaders. They visit our school community and add to the development and celebration of our faith. Ongoing and effective communication between home, parish & 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, 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, Lenten Mass, School Graduation Mass, 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. Students at St. Veronica reach out to their community by supporting Dr. Simone, Sharelife and United Way, Milk Bags for Haiti, The Knight's Table, Christmas baskets & food drives.

Sacramental Preparation

Sacramental preparation is central to the faith formation of each and every student. At St. Veronica, our grade two and grade eight teachers, supported by the parish team at St. Francis Xavier Church, 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
September 21 st 9:15 a.m.	Opening Mass at St. Veronica School
October 25 th 7:00 p.m.	Parent's Meeting First Reconciliation First Communion @ St. Francis Xavier Parish
November 12 th & 13 th – all masses	First Communion Inscription Ceremony
November 29 th 7:00 p.m.	Parent Meeting for Confirmation, St. Francis Xavier Parish
December 3 rd & 4 th all masses	Confirmation Inscription Ceremony
December 16 th 12:45 p.m.	Advent Mass at St. Veronica School
February 8 th 9:30 a.m.	First Reconciliation, @ St. Francis Xavier Parish
February 22 nd 10:00 a.m.	Ash Wednesday Liturgy, St. Veronica School
March 9 th 9:30 a.m.	Lenten Mass St. Francis Xavier Parish
April 5 th 12:45 p.m.	Holy Thursday Liturgy
April 19 th 7:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Francis Xavier Parish
May 6 th – 11 th	Catholic Education Week: Walking in the Light of Christ
May 7 th 1:00 p.m.	Catholic Education Week Liturgy
May 8 th 7:00 p.m.	First Communion, St. Francis Xavier Parish
May 22 nd 10:00 a.m.	Crowning of Mary, St. Veronica School
June 25 th 9:30a.m.	Graduation and End of the Year School Mass, St. Veronica