

School and Parish Partnership

Parish: St. Patrick's Parish
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Liturgical Celebrations

Liturgical Celebration is a way of responding to life, and when life is recognized as a gift from God, it is a way of responding to Him.

There are five liturgical seasons throughout the year. These seasons celebrate Jesus' life, death and resurrection. The liturgical seasons and corresponding colours for linens are: Advent (purple), Christmas and Epiphany (white), Lent (purple), Easter (white) and Ordinary Time (green). School liturgies are planned in a collaborative spirit of community to follow the Liturgical calendar.

Father Francis McSpirtt Catholic School Community serves a diverse community and has an enrolment of 601 students from JK to Grade 8. A deeply committed staff of 30 people strives to meet the needs of the students and to support each other both personally and professionally. Parent volunteers, Community College students and high school co-op students are a vital part of the school.

The community will strive to enhance the spiritual life, mission and vision of the school as a self-renewing community. We will continue to foster collaboration with all members through on-going discussions and planning for:

Faith Development

Staff, students and parents are involved in learning more about our faith and living fully to respond to daily and future challenges. Our Pastoral Plan is actualized through our activities as well as by our daily focus on:

Prayer

Prayer is an essential component in experiencing God's presence and in developing a relationship with God and Mary. Various forms of prayer are used in class, and during liturgies:

- Scripture
- Daily prayer in class and on Public Address System in the morning (formal / informal / scripture / student generated).
- Special Seasonal / Theme prayers in class and on PA System, before meetings.
- Gestures as prayer (use of Holy Water, Sign of the Cross, receiving the Host, Genuflection, and appropriate postures during Mass).
- Formal prayers include: Rosary, Apostle's Creed, Act of Contrition, Responses to Mass, Glory Be, Grace Before Meals, Hail Mary, Our Father, Sign of the Cross.

Sacramental Preparation and Celebrations

Sacramental preparation and the celebration of the Sacraments is supported through the collaboration of: Parish, Home, and School to help prepare the students for full and active participation in the church, as 'stewards' of our faith. As celebrant of our Mass' and faith celebrations, Father Papais regularly visits our school to foster and enhance Parish, Home, and School relationships.

Sacramental preparation that includes parental information meetings held at the Parish provide additional opportunities for the participation of family and community in the Church.

Service to others: Community Outreach:

We continue to demonstrate our awareness of the needs of others, as well as those of our environment, through involvement in charitable outreach initiatives and green initiatives, food drives, support of charitable organizations i.e. Terry Fox Walk, Food Drive, United Way, Share Life, Knight's Table, Mats for Haiti, Candy for Dr. Simone.

Signs/Symbols of our Faith

Visual signs and symbols are displayed throughout the school as reminders of our Catholic beliefs and traditions – at the office, front foyer, halls and in the classrooms.

Throughout the School

Altar/Prayer Table, Bible, Candle, Crucifix, Jubilee Prints, Stations of the Cross, Liturgical Season Symbols – Memorial Book, Prayer Books of Peace, Pictures, Jesse Tree, Advent Wreath, Nativity Scene, individual and collective student work on liturgical seasons/sacramental themes.

School Priority 2011-2012

Virtue Information

At Father Francis McSpirtt we shall work to create and sustain a safe, caring and inclusive school community that includes Catholic virtues education and moral literacy as the central features of a comprehensive anti-bullying prevention and response protocol.

The priority for this year will be Catholic Virtue Formations. A virtue is a habit or established capacity to perform good actions according to the moral standards reflected in the gospel. A Catholic school is the ideal place to practice and prepare to live a virtuous life, following the example of Jesus. Each month we will look at developing one of these virtues:

Faith, Empathy, Conscience, Hope, Self-Control, Respect, Kindness, Love, Acceptance, and Fairness.

Students participate in monthly virtue assemblies, daily virtue announcements and displays. When we act out these virtues, we are making the presence of God visible in the world.

Action Plan: 2011-2012

September, 2011: Welcome
Virtue of Faith

19 St. Patrick Parish Schools Meeting
28 Open House
30 Terry Fox Walk/Run

October, 2011: Thanksgiving
Virtue of Empathy

14 Opening School Mass

November, 2011: Remembrance

1 Candy Drive for St. Simone
11 Remembrance Day

December, 2011: Advent Celebrations

Virtue of Hope

1 – 16 Food Drive for Community Needs
Student Council - Christmas Shoe
Box
9 Advent Mass 9:30 am

January, 2012: Renewal

Virtue of Self-Control

6 Feast of the Epiphany
25 Parent Meeting – Reconciliation
and First Communion

February, 2012: Lenten Journey

Virtue of Respect

2 100th Day Celebration Gr 1 & 2
8 Parent Meeting – Confirmation
22 Ash Wednesday Liturgy 10:30 am

March, 2012: Daily Lenten Reflections Share
Life Campaign

Virtue of Kindness

19 Gr 8 Retreat at Mt. Alverno

April, 2012: Easter

Virtue of Love

3 Share Life Week
12 Easter Mass
17 Holy Week
28 First Communion 11:00 & 2:30
TBA Brampton NE Seder Meal

May, 2012: Month of Mary

Virtue of Acceptance

1 – 6 Celebration of Catholic Education Week
5 First Communion 11:00 & 2:30
30 – 31 Gr 8 Confirmation 7:00

June, 2012: Month of Sacred Heart

Virtue of Fairness

21 Year End Mass
28 Gr 8 Graduation Liturgy

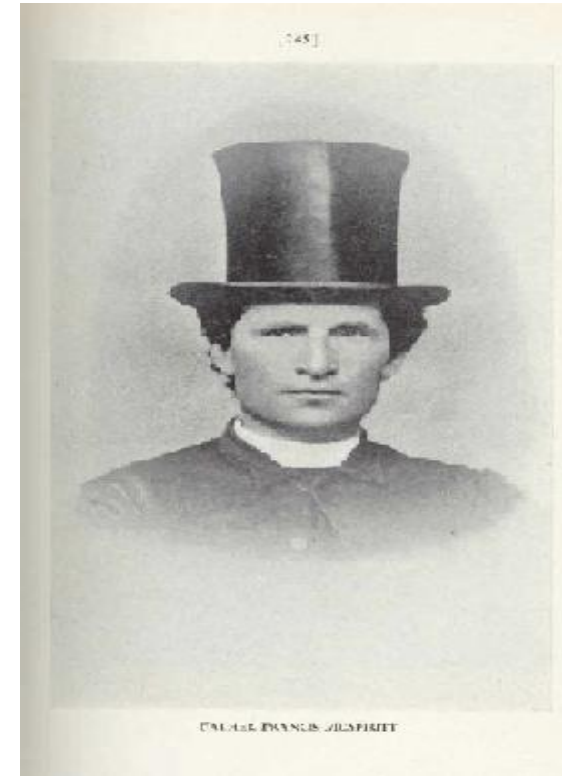
Faith Principles of Catholic Education

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

The faith journey is formative in developing a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Our relationship with God deepens as we come to know Jesus, His Son in our lives – by the Word of the Lord and by our tradition, thus being transformed as God's children.

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Mission Statement

The Mission Statement of Father Francis McSpiritt Catholic School is to deliver excellence in education that is anchored in our Catholic Faith with a commitment to continue to build an inclusive environment that creates a mutual respect for all and that inspires students, staff and our school community to achieve and serve with Lord Jesus Christ as our model.

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