

PASTORAL PLAN

**School Name:** St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School

**School Motto or Mission Statement:**



***"For the Greater Glory of God!"***  
***("Ad maiorem Dei gloriam!")***

The mission of the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School community, as facilitators of Catholic Education, is to:

- Encourage students and staff to model themselves in the image of Christ;
- Develop a passion for learning and affinity to promote social justice;
- Practice the Cardinal, Theological and Board virtues throughout our school community;
- To discover, nurture and live out the vocation to which each member of the community is called.

We believe that the diversity of our community reflects God's creativity and love, and therefore should be honoured, protected and celebrated.

We believe in the intrinsic worth of each individual as he/she is created in the image and likeness of God.

We believe that a safe, inclusive and welcoming school environment is an entitlement of every member of our community.

We believe all we do as a school community engenders a culture of life, promotes excellence, encourages community involvement and supports Christian leadership opportunities ***for the greater glory of God.***

**Theme for the Year: Catholic Education: We are Many, We are One**  
**Retreats:**

GRADE LEVEL RETREAT PLANNING CHART				
Grade	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
General Theme	Community	Imitators of Christ	Prayer	Discernment & Decision-Making
Title	"Many Parts, One Body"	"Laudato Si: Caring for Our Common Home"	"The Matthew 25 Project"	"At the Crossroads: How Do I Know & How Do I Choose?"
Topics/Key Terms	Talents, spiritual gifts, theological virtues, community, empathy, compassion	Stewardship, grace, empathy, compassion, courage, relationships, social obligation	Virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity, recognizing Christ in others, service and sacrifice social obligation	Discernment, conscience, wisdom, power, authority, consequences, responsibility, examination of conscience, prayer
Scripture Quote	<i>"Concerning spiritual gifts... all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."</i> 1 Corinthians 12: 1, 12	<i>"God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good."</i> Genesis 1:31	<i>"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."</i> Matthew 25: 40	<i>"If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you."</i> James 1:5
Catholic Education Week 2023: <b>Fratelli Tutti</b> (Apostolic Exhortation) Connection and/or <b>Laudato Si**</b>	<i>"No one can face life in isolation... We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead."</i> Paragraph 8	<i>"(St.)Francis helps us to see that an integral ecology calls for openness to categories which transcend the language of mathematics and biology, and take us to the heart of what it is to be human."</i> Paragraph 11**	<i>"Like the chance traveler (the Samaritan) in the parable, we need only have a pure and simple desire to be a people, a community, constant and tireless in the effort to include, integrate and lift up the fallen."</i> Paragraph 77	<i>"The solution is not relativism... If society is to have a future, it must respect the truth of our human dignity and submit to that truth."</i> Paragraph 206-207

**Grade 9: Many Parts, One Body/Community "Faith and Fun Day"** --This retreat will allow students to reflect on their personal talents and spiritual gifts and discern ways in which they can be used to build the kingdom of God. Students will also be given time for meditation and prayer as they contemplate their hopes and goals as members of a caring, compassionate Catholic school community.

**Grade 10: Laudato Si: Care for Our Common Home** – This retreat will focus on the importance and obligation of stewardship; caring for all of creation as we discuss topics such as climate change and the impact of integral ecology, as presented in Pope Francis’ encyclical, Laudato Si. Students will have the opportunity to go on a prayerful and meditative nature trail walk, as well as participate in activities that will help them consider ways they can practice being good stewards of creation.

**Grade 11: Matthew 25 Project** – This retreat will invite students to expand their understanding and experience of what it means to serve God through service to others. Students will participate in a service retreat at Regeneration Brampton Outreach Community centre. Student will prepare, serve and clean up lunch for the guests who access the centre, as well as spend some time interacting with the guests through activities such as Arts and Crafts. This retreat offers the opportunity for students to encounter God through their encounter with others.

**Grade 12: At the Crossroads: How Do I Know & How Do I Choose?** –The retreat will address and offer consideration to some common questions and decision students may encounter as they prepare to pursue post-secondary endeavors. As they reflect on their high school years, students will be invited to consider ways faith and a relationship with God can impact the choices they make. Students will explore these invitations through discussions, journal reflections and contemplative prayer. The retreat will take place at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre.

**Other retreats (e.g. student council):**

- Faith Ambassador Retreats (for staff, as promoted by Board)
- Any team or club may also request a retreat if desired. Scheduling will be set in collaboration between group and the Chaplaincy Leader.
- ALPHA Retreat
- Salesian Retreats

**Activities of a Religious Nature**

<b>Activities of a Religious Nature with a substantial component of ritual and prayer</b>
Opening School Mass: Wednesday, October 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Reconciliation: Advent and Lent
Advent Liturgy: Mass in the Chapel with homerooms
Compassionate Care/Bereavement (throughout the year)& Tree of Remembrance Service (Thursday, December 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 @9:45 AM
Ash Wednesday Liturgy: Wednesday, February 22, 2023
Holy Week: Stations of the Cross /School Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In Chapel: (non-retreat days)</li> <li>○ School-wide – April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023</li> </ul>
Weekly Easter Mass: In the Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chapel (classes)
Year End Mass: Wednesday, June 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2023
Graduation Mass: Wednesday, June 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2023
Morning Prayer on the P.A.
Chapel Mass: Advent and Lent
Marian Devotions (October and May) Rosary in the Virtual/Chapel in the morning

**Catholic Education Week – April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Catholic Education: We are Many, We are One**

“We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another.”  
(Romans 12:5)

**The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2023 are as follows:**

- MONDAY:                   When we see
- TUESDAY:                When we listen
- WEDNESDAY:            When we reflect
- THURSDAY:              When we learn
- FRIDAY:                 When we act

Date	Activity
Monday, May 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">                     Prayers, Reflection,                      Activities to be organized by                      Chaplaincy student group.                 </div>
Tuesday, May 3	
Wednesday, May 4	
Thursday, May 5	
Friday, May 6	

## Activities that Support the Catholic Nature of Our School

### Catholicity Across the School

*In collaboration with each department head, departmental activities and/or events that infuse Catholic teaching, faith formation, and Catholic culture into the curriculum and the classrooms are highlighted.*

Department	Departmental Activities and/or Events
Moderns	Catholic teachings (ethics and morality) focus in short stories, focus on CGE.
English	Literature focus on themes of ethics and moral issues
Technological Studies	Community Outreach
Theology	Chapel visits, Pastoral visits from Parish Priests, retreat, Dept. Bulletin Board
Hospitality	Themes through Hospitality focus on building community
Library	Resources to support Catholic-centered curriculum
Guidance	Safe@Gonzaga, Student Leadership (Prefect Program), Transition Initiatives (Welcome Breakfast), Guidance visits
Social Science	Themes: Focus on Social Justice, Civic Participation, TRC, Stewardship
Art/Drama/Music	Music Ministry for masses, Stations of the Cross, curriculum supports themes in liturgical calendar, support charities
Academic Resource	ASD: Autism Awareness Week, Well-being Being-Well Academic Resource: "Academic Sanctuary"
Mathematics	SVDP Christmas Basket Organizers
Science	Lessons on Science & Religion, visits from Parish Priest
Physical Education	City of Mississauga – One Million Trees Wellness Day

### School Environment reflective of our Faith

*These religious icons, symbols and visible expressions of our Catholic identity are present in the school environment:*

- Prayer Centres in every classroom
- Chapel Space (with Blessed Sacrament, stain glass, murals, dedication to Mary)
- Religious Statues, Religious Murals in entrances to school building
- Crucifixes in all rooms
- Chaplaincy Bulletin board with Archdiocese info (ie: vocations, feature speakers, parish bulletin)
- Religious posters, murals, and Icons throughout school
- Faith Formation Library Shelf in the back of the Chapel
- Biblical verses in hallways, above the lockers

## Collaborative School Culture

*These activities are organized by the School Catholic Community Culture and Caring Action Team:*

- Compassionate Care Ministry (throughout the school year) and Compassionate Care Advent Tree of Remembrance Prayers Service and Table Fellowship (December)
- Breakfast of Champions (celebrating students' contributions to building a positive school environment.)
- Upper Room Table Fellowship (staff donated food for student Breakfast program)
- Safe @ Gonzaga/Mental Health Mondays
- ShareLife Staff Civvies
  
- Chaplaincy Team and School Club Projects:
  - Food Drives
  - Clothing/Coat Collection
  - CFFC/Dr. Simone's Warehouse: Food donations, Candy Collections, Clothing Drive, Diaper Drive for Vita Centre
  - Social Justice & Solidarity Projects: focus on Catholic Social Teachings in addressing issues such as poverty (local and global), climate crisis (Ladauto Si)
  
- Interfaith Religious Dialogue Forum (in collaboration with MN high schools)

## Parish Connections

*Planned and existing initiatives that maintain and enhance positive relationships with the local parish communities:*

- School Masses
- Parish Youth Ministry Connection: Student volunteers for Edge and LifeTeen
- ALPHA Program (with Youth Minister)
- Chapel Mass
- Class Visits
- Vocations: Visit/Guest Speakers
- Collaboration with SDVP

## Staff Faith Development

*Catechesis and faith formation among our staff:*

- Adult Faith Ambassadors Events
- Conferences: When Faith Meets Pedagogy
- Archdiocese Retreats (Lay formation through St. Augustine's Seminary)
- Catholic Teachers Guild

## Transitions

*Students supported in the area of transitioning from Grade 8 to Grade 9, from Grade 12 to Post Secondary as well as from one grade to another:*

- "Get Ready" program
- Open House/Curriculum Night
- Orientation Week for the Grade 8 students
- Retreats for specific grade levels (address transitions and mental health)
- Guidance Dept. - course planning and post-secondary planning
- Support staff to assist students with specific needs and challenges to support student success
- SST support
- Math Tutorials

## Vocations

*Vocations to religious life and pastoral ministries promoted through:*

- Serra Ordinandi Luncheon/Dinner/Presentation of Spiritual Garden Prayers for Vocations
- Grade 10 and 12 Curriculum Lessons/Vocations units of study
- Witness talks/Vocations visits from Religious in collaboration with Archdiocese of Toronto Vocations Office (Salesian Sisters, parish priests)
- Bulletin Board: calendar and information for community
- Morning Reflections and Prayers
- Parish Priest visits to classes (if possible)/ Religious orders visits

## Resource List for Parents/Guardians

- **Religious Education Curriculum** - [Ontario Religious Education Curriculum](#)
- **Encyclical Letter "Fratelli Tutti"** - [Fratelli Tutti](#)
- **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation** - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- **Catholic Education Week 2021** - [Catholic Education Week 2021](#)

## Resource List for Schools

- **Multi-Year Strategic Plan** - [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023](#)
- **Encyclical Letter "Fratelli Tutti"** - [Fratelli Tutti](#)
- **Renewing The Promise** - [Renewing The Promise](#)
- **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation** - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

**Signature Page**

**(All Signatures on file)**



**Pastor**



**Chaplaincy Leader**

**Faith Ambassador(s) (as applicable)**

**Department Heads (as applicable)**



Nelson Rebello

**Chair of Catholic School Council**



**Vice Principal(s)**



**Principal**

**Superintendent**