

# PASTORAL PLAN

School: **Sacred Heart Elementary School**

## School Mission Statement:

### ***Sacred Heart Catholic School Mission Statement***

We, the Community of Sacred Heart School, aspire to nurture and develop a faith-filled, co-operative learning environment that embraces the many cultures of our community that will empower each child on their life-long journey towards knowledge, self-esteem and fulfillment of their Christian values.

**School Motto:** The school with heart

**Our Parish:** St. Leonard

**Pastor:** *Rev. Paul John Nosan*

**Parish website:** <https://stleonardsbr.archtoronto.org/>

## Message from the Pastor:

Our school is under the pastoral care of *St. Leonard Parish*. We encourage our families to register with the parish, and to join us for Sunday masses at Saturday at 5:00 PM or Sunday at 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM or 12:00 noon.

In St. John Paul II's Letter for the Third Millennium, we find a sevenfold pastoral plan for the Church:

1. We are called to holiness
2. Importance of daily prayer
3. Importance of the Sunday Eucharist
4. Making use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
5. Primacy of grace in our life
6. Listening to the Word of God (may it form us)
7. Proclaiming the Word of God (especially by our life)

## Message from the Catholic School Council:

The Sacred Heart Catholic School Council is an integral part of our school community. Through the active participation and collaboration of our parents and guardians, we strive to ensure that all students reach their full potential (academically and spiritually) in a faith-centered environment.

## Catholic Education Week Theme: Igniting Hope

*Throughout Catholic Education Week, we ask you to reflect on the significance of Catholic education's presence and contribution in our Church, and in our society.*



**MAY 2 – MAY 7, 2020**

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK:**

*The theme this year: **Nurturing Hope***

### ***Highlight activities or events planned for the Week:***

- Youth Faith Ambassadors PA Liturgies or Pre-Recorded PPT liturgies for use in classes
- In class, students will participate in a variety Catholic Education Week activities. Each of these activities will connect to the five subthemes of Catholic Education Week. These activities will offer opportunities to develop the whole child within community, i.e. spiritually, artistically, and kinesthetically.

### Faith Formation:

Forming ourselves in our Catholic faith is a foundational element in helping each of us understand and live in the example of Christ.

**Board Goal from the Multi Year Strategic Plan 2020-2021:**

**Students:** Increase, among all learner groups, student application of scripture, sacramental life, and Catholic social teachings to daily life, by increasing opportunities for student spiritual engagement in their faith formation.

**Staff:** Enhance positive staff perceptions regarding DPCDSB Catholic Community, Culture and Caring.

***School activities that support both adult and student faith formation and that provide faith opportunities and resources:***

- Celebrate liturgical events
- Linking monthly virtues to our Catholic Graduate Expectations
- Morning prayer reflections and liturgies throughout the year
- Students participate in classroom prayer at many times throughout the day
- Classrooms have a sacred space for individual prayer opportunities, focus for class celebrations
- Sacred Space in each classroom and throughout the school in common areas
- Daily Religion and Family Life instruction in each classroom
- Relationships, conflict resolution and discipline all occur within the context of Gospel values
- Eco initiatives in light of good stewardship

### Sacramental Preparation

As Catholics, we understand sacraments to be "outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace." Together in partnership with our parish, we support the preparation of God's children in receiving the sacraments.

EVENT:	GRADE 7:	GRADE 2:
Rite of Enrollment for Sacraments	TBA	TBA
Sacrament of First Reconciliation		TBA
Confirmation Rehearsal	TBA	
Sacrament of Confirmation	TBA	
Sacrament of First Communion		TBA

*Sacramental dates to be determined due to the CoVid 19 pandemic.*

## Liturgical Celebrations:

*The Liturgical calendar is marked by the gathering in community to celebrate the Eucharist and share in prayer. The school's role is to support the parish through our curriculum and to direct parents and guardians to connect to the parish as the FIRST source for information regarding sacraments. The diocese seeks to strengthen the connection between parish and home. Sacramental information is provided directly and initially through the parish. The school supports the communication of information, as received from Father John Nosan, through newsletters, announcements, etc.*

CELEBRATION:	DATE:	LOCATION:
Thanksgiving Liturgy	Friday, October 9 @ 9:00 am	Sacred Heart C.E.S.
Remembrance Day Liturgy	Wednesday, November 11 @ 10:45 am	Sacred Heart C.E.S.
Advent Liturgy	Monday, November 30 @ 9:00 am	Sacred Heart C.E.S.
Ash Wednesday Liturgy	Wednesday, February @ 9:00 am	Sacred Heart C.E.S.
Stations of the Cross	Thursday, April 1 @ 2:30 pm	Sacred Heart C.E.S.
Easter Liturgy	Tuesday, April 6 @ 9:00 am	Sacred Heart C.E.S.
Year End Mass	Thursday, June 29 @ 9:00 am	Sacred Heart C.E.S.

## Social Justice / Outreach Activities / Charities:

Catholic Social Teachings of the Church root our actions in supporting human dignity and the preferential option of the poor, which calls us to serve the most vulnerable in the world. This year the following are on hold.

*Our school participates in:*

- Terry Fox Cancer Research Walk & Run
- ShareLife Fundraising Spirit Days for Students
- ShareLife Staff Dress Down Friday
- Dr. Simone's Christmas "Shoebox" Drive
- Knights' Table Food Drives
- Rosary Apostolate

## Recognizing Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations:

*Through the teaching of the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCSGE), our graduates will be effective communicators, reflective thinkers, lifelong learners, collaborative contributors, caring family members, responsible citizens and discerning believers formed in the Catholic faith community.*

### ***To celebrate OCSGE, we as a school community....***

- We as a school community explicitly teach the meaning of the OCSGE.
- We celebrate our learning in our monthly student-led “Villages Retreat Days”
- WITS Program (Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it out and Seek Help) for conflict resolution
- Active encouragement of student voice and leadership to actualize OCSGE

### ***Discerning Believers:***

- Place our faith at the center of all learning
- Implementation of Safe Schools Policies, Bullying Prevention and Character Building & Leadership Programs: Student CCCC group to support Anti-bullying, self-regulation and conflict resolution
- Implementation of Youth Faith Ambassadors for student-led faith activities

### ***Lifelong Learners and Reflective Thinkers:***

- Shared activities to know our learners through academic growth, well-being and faith formation
- Engage in staff professional development and planning to integrate the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations in the teaching of curriculum, knowing the learner, faith formation and student well-being
- Establish safe, faith-filled, and equitable classrooms that support student learning and well-being
- Support transitions among students based on individual needs, particularly attending to students with exceptional learning needs

### ***Responsible Citizens and Caring Family Members:***

- Work to increase DPCDSB’s goal to increase student engagement (i.e., academic, social, and intellectual) and reduce bullying and aggressive behaviours, among all students.
- Youth Faith Ambassadors to mentor younger students with lessons regarding anti-bullying, self-regulation and conflict resolution.
- Eco-Team supports student understanding of the sacredness of life and the environment

- Education with students to promote student awareness and development of Catholic digital citizenship
- Work with Peel Police Student Resource officers to promote healthy decision making through various programs, e.g. Digital Citizenship, Healthy Relationships, Youth & Law.

***Collaborative Contributors and Effective Communicators:***

- Participate in a variety of co-curricular activities that support student participation, leadership, service and well-being

### **Celebrating Virtues:**

*A virtue is a habit or established capacity to perform good actions according to a moral standard. When we practice these virtues, we strengthen them and thereby make the presence of God more and more visible in the world around us.*

- Daily prayers and Newsletters
- Virtue posters in the hallway
- Display case showcasing the Virtues

### **Visible Signs of our Faith:**

*Through symbol and service, we are instruments of God's love whose work within our communities stands as a witness to our faith.*

We have many visible signs and symbols of our faith displayed throughout the school as reminders of our Catholic beliefs and traditions. Throughout the school, there are crosses, Bibles, and a dedicated sacred prayer space in each classroom. We have signs and symbols of our faith in the front foyer and hallways of the school, such as crosses and scripture passages. With great intention, we ensure that the liturgical season of the church is recognized through signs and symbols, e.g. advent wreath, nativity scene, crown of thorns, etc. As well as a classroom crucifix and a prayer space in each classroom, displays of student work often serve as visible signs of our faith embedded throughout the curriculum. Common areas also reflect our faith commitment including our altar space in our foyer, our Faces of Christ display at our entry and various artifacts in meeting places, including our staffroom. Our virtues bulletin board, in our main hallway, displays our lived experience of the Gospel. Additionally, they are "road signs" (e.g. "Empathy Drive") in our hallways as visual reminders of virtuous behaviour.

**Resource List for Parents/Guardians:**

- **Religious Education Curriculum** - [Ontario Religious Education Curriculum](#)
- **Family Life Curriculum** - [Ontario Family Life Curriculum](#)
- **Fully Alive Program information** - [Ontario Bishops' information on Fully Alive](#)

**Resource List for Schools:****Board**

- **Vocations Units:**  
We have Vocations units as part of the Grades 2, 5, and 8 curriculum. The goal of these supplementary units is to deepen one's understanding of God's call – the “*vocare*” – to various forms of life within the Church.
- **History of the Parish:**  
Through the resource book *Our Story, Our Tradition, Our Journey*, Grade 7 students have the opportunity to learn about the history of our parish, as well as other parishes in DPCDSB.
- [Enduring Gift Video](#)

**School-Based**

- Family Life Program
- Religious Education Program
- Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations
- OCSTA Catholic Education Week materials
- Many Gifts
- Resources in school library promoting Virtues and Faith Formation