

PASTORAL PLAN

School Name: St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

School Motto or Mission Statement: Courage to Believe

Theme for the Year: Catholic Education: Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together
L'éducation catholique: Rebâtir, Restaurer, Renouveler Ensemble

Retreats

All retreats for this school year will be offered through the religion classes, one class at a time, on school property (chapel, field, classroom, and lecture hall). Following the hybrid model (simultaneous in-person and virtual), the chaplaincy leader will facilitate discussions, games, prayer, small group sharing, and self-care practices. The theme and goals of the retreat will be selected from the list of options below, depending on the particular needs of a given class, and in consultation with the teacher.

Option 1: **Thank You, Sorry, and Please:** The goal of this retreat is to promote healthy relationships with oneself, others, and God through a focus on three basic 'words' or attitudes: 'thank you', 'sorry', and 'please'.

Option 2: **One Word:** This retreat encourages students to prayerfully discern a single, positive word as a helpful focus and motivation for the school year.

Option 3: **Higher Happiness:** This retreat examines the 4 levels of happiness, based on four natural desires in the human heart: desire for pleasure, desire to excel, desire to contribute and relate to others, and desire for God.

Option 4: **Faith and Wellness:** This retreat experience emphasizes the role our faith can play in promoting holistic wellness and positive mental health.

Activities of a Religious Nature

Activities of a Religious Nature with a substantial component of ritual and prayer
Daily prayer over the PA at 10:55am
Opening Mass: Livestreamed on YouTube from the parish on Oct. 7th
Remembrance Day: Ceremony live over PA Nov.11th
All Saints & All Souls: Prayer in chapel (voluntary)
Advent Liturgy of the Word: Pre-recorded and broadcast 1 st week of Advent
Ash Wednesday Liturgy: Pre-recorded and broadcast March 2
Holy Thursday Liturgy: Pre-recorded and broadcast April 14th
Closing Mass: Format TBA on May 30 th (Feast of St. Joan of Arc)
Mass for Graduates: Format and Date TBA
Chapel visits: Religion classes will have the option of visiting the chapel periodically for prayer and meditation.

Other Pastoral/Outreach Activities

Pastoral Activities
'Sponsor a Child' through Chalice (using student donations)
Christmas Gift Cards fundraiser for local families and St. Vincent de Paul.
'School Connections' fundraiser through Chalice during Lent
Chaplaincy offering workshops for students on faith and wellness.
VOICE club (chaplaincy) meeting bi-weekly to plan charity work and virtue development
Spiritual Direction/Mentoring offered to staff and students
Chapel is open for individual prayer and quiet time.
Terry Fox Run
Orange Shirt Day & Fundraising for Woodland Cultural Centre (Save the Evidence)
Thanksgiving Food Drive & Winter Clothing Drive
Essential Care Packages for the Homeless
Writing cards to residents in long term care homes
The Great Gulp & World Water Day

Catholic Education Week - May 1 – May 6, 2022

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“Behold, I make all things new.” (Revelation 21:5)
«Voici que je fais toutes choses nouvelles.» (Apocalypse 21,5)

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2022 are as follows:

- Sunday, May 1: **Launching of Catholic Education Week Theme**
- Monday, May 2: **Rediscover / Redécouvrir**
- Tuesday, May 3: **Rebuild / Rebâtir**
- Wednesday, May 4: **Restore / Restaurer**
- Thursday, May 5: **Renew / Renouveler**
- Friday, May 6: **Rejoice / Se réjouir**

Date	Activity
Monday, May 2	Create a video on theme, offering a reflection, prayer technique and an action challenge related to the sub-theme.
Tuesday, May 3	Create a video on theme, offering a reflection, prayer technique and an action challenge related to the sub-theme.
Wednesday, May 4	Create a video on theme, offering a reflection, prayer technique and an action challenge related to the sub-theme.
Thursday, May 5	Create a video on theme, offering a reflection, prayer technique and an action challenge related to the sub-theme.
Friday, May 6	Create a video on theme, offering a reflection, prayer technique and an action challenge related to the sub-theme.

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	Activities and/or Events
Social Science	The Social Science department will support the pastoral plan as it highlights the Catholic Graduate Expectations, the Board's Virtue program, and the sub-themes associated with the pastoral theme: Nurturing Hope. Through the Civics, History and Politics courses, students will discern their roles and responsibilities in active citizenship rooted in Christ. The Geography courses invite students to examine the importance of stewardship, as outlined in <i>Laudato Si</i> , as they learn about issues that impact our environment.
Religion/Theology	The Religion department recognizes the opportunities available within our curriculum to help form discerning believers through the study of the Beatitudes, Gospel Narratives, Catholic Church tradition as well as implementation of the virtues in their daily lives. Through prayer, retreats, social justice and popular media connections, we strive to ensure that our learners become collaborative contributors formed through the Catholic faith community at St. Joan of Arc.
Science	Teachers focus on environmental stewardship and medical ethics.
English	Discussion of cycles of life-death, rebirth-suffering, resurrection as archetypes in literature and Biblical connections.
Technological Studies	There is a common thread through all the Tech Studies courses where we encourage students to recognize and give thanks for the gift and talents of working with their hands. The students are also emboldened to use this God-given ability to do good for others in our community and to work ethically and honestly so that the light of gospel values shines through each of them.
Guidance	We recognize and appreciate that each student has God given talents, and thus we advocate for students who need a voice. Working as a Guidance team and with parents/guardians we hope to address our students' unique academic, spiritual, emotional and psychological needs. Our mission is to help students feel empowered to pursue academic and personal goals in the classroom and through career exploration. We believe that with committed effort all students can meet success. In addition, we celebrate their dignity as human beings created in the image of God and strive to guide them to fulfill their potential as lifelong learners and individuals who will seek to better their community. Specifically, we encourage students to live out their faith by being active members of the school community and by giving back to the community through service to others.

<p>Special Education</p>	<p>Catholic Graduate Expectations are naturally infused throughout the General Learning Strategies (GLE) course, as students are called to examine and reflect on their own personal values, abilities and aspirations throughout the units of study. The Virtue of Acceptance is emphasized in the Special Education Department through individual discussions with ARD students about their beliefs that address judgements and biases about stereotypes and embracing learning in different ways.</p> <p>In alternative education programs such as Planning for Independence and Communications daily chapel visits are made every morning. They begin their school day saying a prayer and offering intentions for family members and friends. The Senior Communications teacher incorporates Catholic Graduate Expectations into the Work Experience program, and through experiences in the workplace our special needs students can become a collaborative contributor who finds meaning, dignity, fulfillment and vocation in work, which contributes to the common good. Our department organizes the annual 'Autism Awareness Week' activities and celebrates other days of uniqueness and individuality. The two programs also participate in a retreat at the end of the school year, which incorporates making rosaries.</p> <p>The Virtue of Acceptance is again focused on through reverse integration/inclusion with events such as Best Buddies and Special Olympics.</p>
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School Environment Reflective of Our Faith

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

- School Prayer posted in every class. Liturgical banners for each season in Matrix and Chapel. Prayer cloth and table in most classes. Advent wreaths available.
- New 'Risen Crucifix' for every classroom.
- Catholic images and elements in virtual classrooms.
- Votive candles and statue of Blessed Virgin Mary in the school chapel.
- Papal flag in the chapel and front foyer.
- Distributing religious medals and pocket bibles to graduates.

Collaborative School Culture

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

Parish Connections

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

- Parish priest livestreams mass at the beginning and end of school year.
- Christmas fundraiser contributes to parish St. Vincent de Paul

Staff Faith Development

Spiritual accompaniment and faith formation for our staff:

- Staff liturgies on all P.A. days.
- Individual and small group spiritual direction opportunities.
- Faith development resources provided on Staff Resource Google Classroom.

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:

- Grade 9 religion classes given tour of the chapel and an introduction to the chaplaincy leader role (either in person or virtually).
- Optional grade 12 retreat on discerning God's will in making decisions about post-secondary.

Vocations

Vocations to religious life and pastoral ministries promoted through:

- Virtual or video presentations to gr12 religion classes (from archdiocese Office of Vocations)

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](#)
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