

# PASTORAL PLAN

School: **St. Catherine of Siena Separate School**

## School Mission Statement:

As a Catholic community of St. Catherine of Siena, we are called to foster a safe, caring, and inclusive Catholic learning environment. Our faith is embedded in all we do. In collaboration with the home, school, and parish, we model the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations, allowing our students to live the gospel values. Our goal is to meet the diverse needs of our students through effective instruction while promoting student achievement and well-being.

**School Motto:** Many Hands, Many Lands, One Heart, One God

**Our Parish:** St. Catherine of Siena

**Pastor:** Father Walter (Leaving) , Father Gabriel Forero, C.S. and Father Tiziano

**Parish website:** [www.stcatherine.ca](http://www.stcatherine.ca)

## Message from the Pastor:

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## Message from the Catholic School Council:

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School Council is an integral part of our school community. We continue to strive to involve more parents/guardians in actively participating and collaborating in school life. We strive to ensure that all students reach their full potential in a faith-filled environment.

**Catholic Education Week – April 30 – May 5, 2023**

**Catholic Education: We are Many, We are One**  
**L'éducation catholique: À plusieurs, nous sommes un**

*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.*

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

***«Nous qui sommes plusieurs, nous sommes un seul corps dans le Christ, et membres les uns des autres.»  
(Romains 12, 5)***

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2023 are:

- Monday:      **When we see / En voyant**  
 Tuesday:     **When we listen / En écoutant**  
 Wednesday:  **When we reflect / En réfléchissant**  
 Thursday:    **When we learn / En apprenant**  
 Friday:       **When we act / En agissant**

- School Wide Retreat
- Additional activities will be communicated with the community as they are confirmed.

### **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.*

Adult Faith formation is supported in the following ways:

- Adult faith ambassadors gather with the Mississauga South Family of Schools.
- Advent and Easter Celebration with Mississauga South Family of Schools.
- Watch Msgr. Shiels Monthly Message
- Invitations to the parent community to join in school liturgical celebrations

Student faith formation is supported in the following ways:

- Provide way to improve student application of scripture, sacramental life, and Catholic social teachings to daily life.
- Virtue assemblies

- Virtue Awards and Wall
- OSCGE announcements / medallion program / Wall
- Student created and lead prayers on daily basis
- Whole School Religious Retreat Day (during CEW)
- Community Building Events (Fridays – January/February))
- Provide faith opportunities and resources to develop student understanding
- School staff work in collaboration with the St. Catherine of Siena Parish pastoral team in faith formation and preparation for sacraments
- Consistent modelling of Gospel-values and faith practice
- Social Justice Activities (food drives)
- Intentional and explicit inclusion of a distinctive Catholic world-view across all subject areas.

**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 2	Grade 7
<i>First Reconciliation</i>	Jan. 16 @ 7 p.m.	
<i>First Holy Communion</i>		
Parents Day of Orientation and Recollection	October 29 @ 10 a.m., or October 29 @ 2 p.m.	
Sacrament	May 13 @ 10 a.m.	
	Contact: Vicky Nisce	
<i>Confirmation</i>		
Parents Day of Orientation and Recollection		Oct. 18 or Oct. 20, or Oct. 29
Sacrament		May 29 @ 7 p.m.
	Contact: Andre Tyson	

**Liturgical Celebrations:**

*The Liturgical calendar is marked by the gathering in community to celebrate the Eucharist and share in prayer.*

Celebration	Date
First School Mass	Monday, September 26
School Reconciliation	Date TBD
School Advent Mass	Date TBD
Ash Wednesday Celebration	Date TBD
Feast of St. Catherine of Siena	Date TBD
Year End Graduation Mass	Date TBD

### **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.*

Our school actively participates in a variety of Social Justice projects and Outreach Activities:

- Share Life
- Terry Fox Walk
- Gift Card Drive for needy students
- Food Drives
- Winter Clothing Giveaway
- Clothing Giveaway
- Breakfast for Kids (Breakfast Club)
- Eco Club activities promote responsible stewardship of God's creation

### **Recognizing Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations:**

*Framed by 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....

- OCSGE Medallion Program - To create a better understanding amongst staff and students of the distinctive expectations for Catholic school graduates, every month we will focus on a specific OSCGE. At the end of the month one child from each class will receive an OCSGE Medal. The program will be part of daily announcements, infused into virtue assemblies, included in weekly

Staff memo, posted in every classroom (Poster for Every Homeroom Class) and pictures are put on OCSGE Wall.

- Embed the OCSGE into all the learning that takes place
- Post visible signs of the OCSGE around the school and classrooms
- Engage in school wide activities to further understand the OCSGE (morning announcements/medallion program/recognition wall)
- Celebrate mass/virtues as a school community
- Promote forgiveness, caring and respect when conflicts arise
- Listen to the Word of God (Mass / Liturgies)
- Promote self-reflection in both students and staff
- Focus on respecting the thoughts and opinions of others
- Celebrate our gifts given to us by God

### **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.*

- Class celebration of the monthly virtues
- Virtues display in display case in front of school and in the virtue's hallway.
- Teachers use the virtues as the foundation of their teaching and learning experiences
- Daily prayers based on Virtues and prayers created by students
- Monthly virtue awards given to two students in every class

### **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.*

- Display in front foyer (virtue focus)
- Alcoves displaying Saints and Bible
- All classes have crosses and Bibles
- Prayer tables in all classrooms
- Visual displays around the school
- Hangings with spiritual sayings (MANY)
- Stairwells have inspirational signs
- Stained Glass windows portraying scripture

- Scripture readings over the PA system
- Grace before meals

### **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](#)
- 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 2022](#)
- Synod on Synodality – [Synod 2021 - 2023](#)

### **Resource List for Schools:**

#### **Board**

- Multi-Year Strategic Plan - [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023](#)
- Renewing The Promise - [Renewing The Promise](#)
- Encyclical Letter “Fratelli Tutti”- [Fratelli Tutti](#)
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#### **School-Based**

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**Pastor:** Fr. Gabriel will be arriving at the Parish on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

*N. Menezes*

**Teacher(s)**

**Chair of Catholic School Council:**

*[Signature]*

**Vice Principal(s):**

*James Penzile Bosco*

**Principal:**

*[Signature]*

**Superintendent:**