

PASTORAL PLAN

School: **St. Simon Stock Elementary School**

School Mission Statement:

It is the mission of St. Simon Stock Catholic Elementary School to enable students to:

- * Become self-motivated life-long learners who strive to reach their full spiritual, academic and physical potential;
- * Acquire and demonstrate the skills and attitudes that will enable them to make informed choices for their future;
- * Grow in an understanding of Roman Catholic teachings and Gospel values, and incorporate these into their everyday life.

By providing an environment:

- * Where we learn and grow within the context of a cooperative, community team of the Family, School and Church;
- * That is nurturing and safe, where the Christian ideals of mutual trust, responsibility, equality and respect for all are encouraged

School Motto: “Rooted in Christ” *Can delete the “choose an item” and type in your own.*

Our Parish: St. Josephine Bakhita

Pastor: *Rev. Mark Villanueva*

Parish website: *www.stjosephinebakhita.ca*

Message from the Pastor:

Greetings in the Lord!

St. Josephine Bakhita Parish recognizes the strong parish-home-school connections are foundational to supporting the development of students in the Ontario Catholic School System.

We will continue to guide and support the work of schools in Sacramental preparation. Through the continuation of sharing best practices with our elementary schools, students will affirm their Catholic faith in work and action through a variety of initiatives. We wish the students of St. Simon Stock a blessed and fruitful school year and moving forward, look ahead to the success of all students.

Sincerely yours,
Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva - Pastor

Message from the Catholic School Council:

The St. Simon Stock Catholic School Council proudly supports faith formation in our community. The Catholic School Council collaborates with the school in order to support faith formation and outreach work. We will continue to support various activities to raise funds for local charities and sacramental gifts, while working within restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

C. Camilleri,
Chairperson, Catholic School Council 2020-2021

Catholic Education Week - May 1 – May 6, 2022

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

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.

"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:

Monday: **Rediscover / Redécouvrir**

Tuesday: **Rebuild / Rebâtir**

Wednesday: **Restore / Restaurer**

Thursday: **Renew / Renouveler**

Friday: **Rejoice / Se réjouir**

The students at St. Simon Stock will be demonstrating a spirit of awareness and reflection during Catholic Education Week on the significance of Catholic Education’s presence and contribution in our Church, and in our society. We invite all members of our community to participate in the celebrations and activities that will mark the celebration of Catholic Education Week 2022 in our school.

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.

St. Simon Stock Catholic School participates in various activities that support both adult and student faith formation. These activities have included student retreats, masses and student and staff liturgies. We have active Faith Ambassadors as well as Student Youth Faith Ambassadors. Our plan for faith formation this school year will, understandably, be altered due to the continuation of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Further details will evolve as the 2021-2022 school year progresses.

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
Sacrament of First Holy Communion	Parents are encouraged to reach out to St. Josephine Bakhita Parish to confirm sacramental dates.	
Sacrament of Confirmation		Parents are encouraged to reach out to St. Josephine Bakhita Parish to confirm sacramental dates.

Liturgical Celebrations:

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

Celebration	Date
Ash Wednesday	The school continues to take a cautious approach when planning liturgical gatherings, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dates will be communicated directly with families as we move further into the school year.
Lent/Easter Mass	
Year End Mass	
Advent School Community Mass	

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 participates in various outreach activities and supports organizations such as Share Life, St. Vincent de Paul, Eden Food For Change!, etc. Our Youth Faith Ambassadors typically organize food drives throughout the school year as well as raise funds to support various Catholic agencies and charities. Staff also contribute to Share Life by participating in casual dress days and special events, throughout the school year. Our plan for social justice and outreach activities as well as our support for charities this school year will, understandably, be altered due to the continued COVID-19 global pandemic. Further details will evolve as the 2021-2022 school year progresses.

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.

The St. Simon Stock Catholic School community demonstrates a commitment to realizing the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations. Classrooms focus on the Catholic Graduate Expectations and Virtues education. We typically address the Catholic Graduate Expectations and Virtues at bi-monthly assemblies and through announcements and the Family Life program. Our plan to recognize the OCSGE this school year will be responsive to the various restrictions that continue to be in place due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

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.

Through teacher modeling of our Catholic faith and the virtues program, each child develops spiritually, emotionally, physically and academically.

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.

Our school signifies our faith through visual signs such as crosses, bibles, prayer tables but also through service and outreach. Our front foyer vividly demonstrates the Virtues and our school motto. It also houses our altar. We have a prayer room where students/staff can go to reflect and pray. In past years, our students have served as witness to our faith by devoting time to community service. These plans may need to be altered this year, in light of the continuation of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

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 Video Message – [Catholic Education Week 2021](#)

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](#)
- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
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School-Based

- School Twitter [@StSimonStockDP](#)

Signature Page

Pastor

Faith Ambassador(s) (*as applicable*)

Teacher(s)

Chair of Catholic School Council

Vice Principal(s)

Principal

Superintendent