

PASTORAL PLAN

School: **St. Charles Garnier**

School Mission Statement:

St. Charles Garnier Catholic Elementary School is a community living the Gospel Values. Our mission is to foster an environment where all students reach their academic potential as determined by Ontario Provincial Standards. Our commitment to a comprehensive system of support and a responsive partnership with family and church will ensure this outcome.

School Motto: A Golden Eagle Has a Golden Heart

Our Parish: Sts. Peter and Paul

Pastor: **Fr. Mario Salvadori**

Parish website: <https://stspeterandpaulmi.archtoronto.org/>

Message from the Pastor:

On behalf of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, I express the assurance of my prayers for you and all your loved ones during the 2022-2023 School year. The return to school and Church is a blessing. It is good and necessary to have our children back learning, in the structured and social environment of the classroom, in each other's company and living a semblance of normalcy. We are pleased our school and parish community and life are back to in – person environments. We are reminded of how connected we all are, and therefore of the responsibility we have to each other and for each other. We are, to use the Biblical expression, “our brother's keeper”. Know that Sts. Peter and Paul Parish is ready to assist you as parents, students, educators and administrators, in whatever way we can and in all circumstances, to know and love and serve the Lord. The Church is open for Mass, Confessions, private prayer; many of our ministries are up and running. You are encouraged to make Sunday Mass and participation in the life of the parish a part of your family routine. I welcome your ideas as to how your parish can be more attentive to your needs and support your family, to make you feel at home and to help you to know and

love the Lord, and to hand the Faith on to your children as your pledged and promised to do before the Lord at their Baptism.

Message from the Catholic School Council:

The St. Charles Garnier Catholic School Council plays a vital role in our school community connecting parents/guardians to educators, staff and students. It is with the active involvement, collaboration, and volunteer efforts of parents/guardians that we strive to enhance the elementary school experience of every student. Our goal is to ensure that each student reaches their full academic potential, while upholding the values of our Catholic faith.

Catholic Education Week – May 1 – May 6, 2022

Catholic Education: Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together

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

During Catholic Education Week Teachers will invite the school community into the classrooms for special events taking place. A communication with all the planned activities during Catholic Education Week will be sent to all parents at the end of April 2023. Many activities have not been determined yet. The activities will highlight the gifts and talents given to us by God.

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 through:

- the celebration of liturgies on a regular basis: weekly throughout Advent and Lent, to celebrate secular and religious holidays (i.e., Beginning of the School Year, All Souls Day, St. Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, End of the School Year), and as needed to support members of our school community (i.e. to pray for our loved ones who are ill);
- the monthly distribution of a faith-based newsletter to all staff, providing information, liturgical celebrations, and activities, relevant to each month;
- Masses at the Church and class virtue celebrations
- Youth faith formation is supported largely through our Youth Faith Ambassador Program, in the following ways:
 - student-lead liturgies in all classrooms;
 - student-lead classroom presentations, teaching students of all ages about important aspects of our faith (i.e. the liturgical calendar, saints, tenets of our faith, Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations, Mother Mary, stewardship)
 - artwork illustrating what has been taught and/or celebrated in the classroom, adorning the walls of our school; Our students also learn about and celebrate our Christian virtues, through Youth Faith Ambassadors.

Visits from the Pastor and the Lay Minister

Participation in the Catholic Women's League Speech

Posters made for 7 Catholic Social Teachings, Intermediates to visit classes to share Sacred spaces in school and classes

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 Reconciliation	TBA	
Sacrament of Communion	Saturday, May 13, 2-4 pm	
Sacrament of Confirmation	Saturday May 6, 2-4 pm	

Liturgical Celebrations:

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

Celebration	Date
Opening Mass	October 28, 1:30 pm
Advent Mass	December 14, 1:30
Lenten Mass	March 28, 1:30 pm
Year End Mass	May 17, 1:30 pm
Stations of the Cross Resurrection Liturgy	TBA TBA

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.

Fundraising activities will take place to support the Share Life campaign.

Food Drive

Angel Tree to support families in need at Christmas

Youth Faith Ambassadors

Donations to Charities: Terry Fox, Jump Rope for Heart

Eco Team

Community Invitations to school masses, liturgies, virtue celebrations and CEW

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 create a better understanding amongst staff and students of the distinctive expectations for Catholic school graduates.

How it will look:

- Starting in October, teachers will focus on, and identify the distinctive expectations of the Ontario Catholic Graduate with students. Teachers will identify students that demonstrate these distinctive Ontario Catholic Graduate expectations with a medal to wear during that month. The medals are only to be worn in class and not outside during recess. The medallions can be placed on your prayer table for storage and visibility.

The OCSG Expectation will be:

- part of daily classroom discussions and morning announcements
- infused into virtue celebrations
- included in weekly Staff bulletins
- posted in every classroom (Poster for Every Homeroom Class), Shrove Tuesday and collections
- Student Leadership and Equity Conference (If possible)



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.

Christian virtues are emphasized throughout our school community through explanatory and prayerful announcements and through monthly celebrations where virtuous behaviors are prayed for and celebrated. Symbols representative of the virtues are placed on the altar at the front of our school and change monthly. Suggestions for virtuous prayer center changes are included in monthly newsletters. Also included are cross-divisional liturgies reflective of the specific virtue celebrated that month, as well as a poster explaining the specific virtue celebrated that month, which may be placed in classroom prayer centers throughout the school. The virtues program consists of the following:

- Virtue posters are placed around the school.
- Virtues signs are around the building
- Classroom Virtue celebrations acknowledging students who demonstrate the virtues in daily living
- Virtues are highlighted in the Front foyer display

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.

An altar featuring relevant symbols of our faith, is present at the entrance to our school building. A prayer center can be found in every classroom, on which a cross, Bible, can be found, along with other relevant symbols of our faith. Youth Faith Ambassador liturgists and presenters visit classrooms regularly throughout the school year to lead their peers in faith. They do this through the celebration of liturgies and meditations, as well as through informative presentations about various aspects of our faith. These visits are ongoing throughout the school year, in keeping with the liturgical calendar. Staff and students also come together to bring in monetary donations, donations of food, donations of gifts, and donations of personal needs items, for various drives throughout the year. (I.e. Christmas gifts for families, Easter Personal Needs Drive). Daily prayers during morning announcements and in the classes before lunch and at the end of the day is a regular practice. We also have the Rosary Apostolates visit the school once a month to pray the Rosary with students and the whole school takes part in the "Crowning of Mary Celebrations" during Catholic Education week in May.

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

Adult Faith Ambassadors serves to inform staff of important feast and memorial days and provides suggestions for updating classroom prayer centers, in keeping with the liturgical calendar. Adult Faith Ambassadors also provide information about Board and school-based faith experiences for staff and students (facilitated by Youth Faith Ambassadors). Adult Faith Ambassadors prepare Staff liturgies throughout the school year to nourish our Faith development as a staff. Our Youth Faith Ambassadors visit classrooms to highlight liturgical events and special occasions.

Listed below are resources that we use for Youth Faith at Our School. They are implemented by Youth Faith Ambassadors and/or distributed to classroom teachers for use in classrooms.

-Adaptive Finding God Program-Loyola Press (Provided by the Board)

-A Year of Virtues: Creating Safe, Caring and Inclusive School Communities (Provided by the Board)

- Teaching Christian Kids: Reading, by Barbara Adams
- Living and Celebrating Our Catholic Customs and Traditions: Feast Days and Holiday, by Joan Marie Arbogast
- Growing in Grace: 35 Prayer Services for Children, by Alison Berger
- Exploring Liturgical Seasons with Young Adolescents, Edited by Roxane Kadrlik Chlachula
- Guided Meditations for Young Catholics, by Glynnis Hope B. Dawson
- Hands on Faith, by Mary Doerfler Dall
- Exploring the Old Testament: Bible Based Activities for Children Aged 7-12, by Louis Fidge
- Exploring the New Testament: Bible Based Activities for Children Aged 7-12, by Louis Fidge
- Words for the Journey for Kids, by Lisa Freemantle and Les Miller

Signatures

Pastor: Fr. Salvadori

Faith Ambassador: M. Samai

Teacher: M. Samai

Chair of Catholic School Council: Samantha Perri, Radmilla Iozzo

Vice Principal(s) N/A

Principal: K. Kovacs

Superintendent: C. Mac Donald