



Pastoral Plan

School: St. Pio of Pietrelcina C.E.S.

School Mission Statement:

We, the Christian community of St. Pio of Pietrelcina School, are dedicated to the nurturing of our shared Catholic values through “Prayer, introspection and caring for others.” We believe that diversity is a part of the richness of God’s creation and that our school promotes a sense of unity, thoughtfulness and self-worth.

School Motto: Prayer- Humility - Service

Our Parish: Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Pastor: Pastor: Rev. Mario Salvadori

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

Message from the Pastor:

Our school is under the pastoral care of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish. We encourage our families to register with the parish, and join us for Sunday Mass. Mass times are as follows: Saturdays 5:00 PM (English), Sundays 8:00 AM (English) 9:30 AM (Italian), 11:00 AM (English) and 12:30 PM (English). Note: The 11:00 AM Mass is live-streamed on our Facebook Page (Sts.Peter and Paul Catholic Church) and our YouTube Channel (PeterPaulChurch). Mass is celebrated in person Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 12:10 PM and is live-streamed Monday through Friday at this time.

Message from the Catholic School Council:

The mission of the St. Pio of Pietrelcina Catholic School Council is to work in partnership with the family, church and school in order to promote Catholic Education, foster open communication and engage parental involvement at the school level. We focus strongly on putting children first and working collaboratively to enrich the educational environment at St. Pio of Pietrelcina Catholic School.

Catholic Education Week: May 5th – May 10th, 2024

Catholic Education: We are Called to Love

L'éducation catholique: Appelés à aimer

“If we love one another, God lives in us.” 1 John 4:12

Si nous nous aimons les uns les autres, Dieu demeure en nous. (1 Jean 4, 12)

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2024 are:

Monday:	As people of hope / Dans l'espérance
Tuesday:	As people of faith / Dans la foi
Wednesday:	As people of mercy / Avec compassion
Thursday:	As people of justice / Dans la justice
Friday:	As people of joy / Dans la joie

During Catholic Education Week, students and staff will partake in various faith-based experiences including prayer, musical activities, artworks, and dramatic works. A school-wide liturgy will also be celebrated.

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. Pio of Pietrelcina staff and students regularly engage in faith formation activities which include:

- Daily staff and student-led, school-wide prayer;
- Intentional and explicit inclusion of a distinctive Catholic world-view across all subject areas and as part of student inquiry;
- Adult Faith Ambassadors, leading staff liturgies at various times throughout the school year, in keeping with the liturgical calendar and needs of the school community, and weekly during Advent and Lent;
- A Faith Ambassador will attend the When Faith Meets Pedagogy Conference and share related resources with staff;
- Adult Faith Ambassadors sharing a plenary of faith based resources with staff monthly (“Faith Station” online), in keeping with the liturgical calendar and virtue focus of the month, for use in classrooms with students;
- Celebration of the virtues and other feast days of the liturgical calendar monthly, through student-led, school-wide liturgies;
- Viewing of ongoing updates/messages for students from Fr. Mario @Sts.Peter and Paul;
- Consistent modeling of Gospel values and faith practice;
- Invitation to parent community to join in liturgical celebrations;
- Prominent sacred spaces in all classrooms, in the front foyer, and throughout the school;

- School Mass @ Sts. Peter and Paul once a year and in the school three times a year;
- Youth Faith Ambassador Program, nurturing Catholic youth leadership through educational announcements with school-wide contests for engagement ("Faith Fridays"), artworks, liturgies and social justice based school-wide initiatives, on an ongoing basis throughout the year, in keeping with the liturgical calendar;
- Faith formation and knowledge building efforts include:
 - October: Christian Links to Halloween-Announcements;
 - November: "Faith Fridays": Saints;
 - December: Advent liturgies, "Faith Fridays": Advent;
 - January: "Faith Fridays": The Ten Commandments and the Virtue of Self-Control;
 - February: Black History Month liturgy, "Faith Fridays": Black Saints;
 - March: "Faith Fridays": Lent;
 - April: Eco-Liturgy, "Faith Friday's": Stewardship;
 - May: "Faith Fridays": The Rosary, Catholic Education Week announcements;
 - June: "Faith Fridays": The Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations;
- Active Eco-team focusing on stewardship of the Earth throughout the school year, through efforts to reduce lunch waste, "lights out" lunches, and promoting the use of reusable water bottles;

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	February 21st, 2024	–
First Communion	May 4th, 2024	–
Confirmation	–	May 11th, 2024
Confirmation Retreat	–	TBD

Liturgical Celebrations:

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

Celebration	Date
Opening School Mass	September 25th, 2023
Virtue of Empathy Liturgy	October 27th, 2023

Remembrance Day Liturgy	November 10th, 2023
Advent Mass	December 8th, 2023
Virtue of Self-Control Liturgy	January 31st, 2023
Ash Wednesday	February 14th, 2024
Black History Month Liturgy	February 28th, 2024
Stations of the Cross	March 28th, 2024
Easter Mass	April 4th, 2024
Earth Day Liturgy	April 22nd, 2024
Catholic Education Week Liturgy	May 10th, 2024
Crowning of Mary Liturgy	May 31st, 2024
Year End Mass @ Sts. Peter and Paul Church	June 3rd, 2024
Graduation Mass	June 20th, 2024

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.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina Catholic Elementary School participates in a variety of outreach activities which support both global and local organizations. These organizations are aligned with our Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations as well as Catholic Social Teachings and have a strong tradition of serving and giving to those in need at both the local level and broader community. St. Pio of Pietrelcina Catholic Elementary School participates in the following:

September: Terry Fox Run for the Canadian Cancer Society;

October: Thanksgiving Food Drive (Sts. Peter and Paul Church-Mississauga Food Drive);

November: Halloween Candy Drive for Dr. Simone, Poppy drive for Royal Canadian Legion;

December: Angel Tree (gift card collection); food drive; Christmas-themed cookies for sale (ShareLife); Christmas cards to a local retirement home;

February/March: Heart-shaped cookies for sale (ShareLife); Lenten Personal Needs Drive;

April: Easter-themed cookies for sale (ShareLife);

June: "Stuffies for Smiles" (homeless outreach); Ice cream bar sales (ShareLife);

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.

As developed by the Institute of Catholic Education (ICE), the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCSGE) are used as a framework for designing Ontario Catholic curriculum. To celebrate the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCSGE), the St. Pio of Pietrelcina Catholic Elementary School community embed these expectations in our daily life both within the classroom and broader school community. We celebrate these teachings through the following:

- Visible display in the foyer of our school;
- Classroom focus on OCSGE;
- Youth Faith Ambassador Program with school-wide June initiative to educate students about the OCSGE through “Faith Friday” announcements and contest for engagement;
- Newsletter/Parent Updates;
- OCSGE Graduate Acknowledgements and Awards;

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.

At St. Pio of Pietrelcina Catholic Elementary School, the Catholic Virtues are regularly referenced as part of our individual classroom commitments, as well as teachings. Virtues are meant to shape our approach to the world and guide us through both the successes and challenges that we may face throughout our lives. Our virtues are honoured through a variety of events and celebrations including:

- Virtue based prayers shared during morning exercise
- Virtue-themed liturgies
- School-wide initiative to increase understanding, demonstrations, and celebrations of the virtue of HOPE during Advent and the virtue of KINDNESS during Lent

The monthly virtues celebrated at St. Pio of Pietrelcina are:

- September – Faith
- October – Empathy
- November – Conscience
- December – Hope
- January – Self-Control
- February – Respect
- March – Kindness
- April – Love

- May – Acceptance
- June - Fairness

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.

At St. Pio of Pietrelcina C.E.S., our goal is to have our faith at the forefront of our daily teachings and interactions with all stakeholders. Our faith is present at the entrance of our school building with a statue of our patron saint, the Cross, the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations, and the Beatitudes. Objects, images, and words of our faith can be found throughout our hallways, including scripture verses, images of Jesus, images in keeping with the liturgical calendar, and our altar. Prayer centres can be found in every classroom. Faith-based activities and events are frequently organized, produced and experienced by the students in keeping with the liturgical calendar (i.e., the Stations of the Cross during Lent). Youth Faith Ambassadors seek to lead their peers in faith by sharing knowledge through announcements and posters, celebrating our faith through liturgies, and leading our school community in social justice efforts. Staff and students also come together to bring in donations of food, presents, personal needs items, for various drives throughout the year. (i.e., Food Drives, Angel Tree, Personal Needs Drives, ShareLife fundraising, etc.) and take great pride in having the ability to help others, in Jesus' name.

Resource List for Parents/Guardians:

- General Roman 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar - [2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar](#)
- 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 2024 – [Catholic Education Week 2024](#)
- Synod on Synodality – [Synod 2021 - 2024](#)

Resource List for Schools:

Board

- General Roman 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar - [2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar](#)

- Multi-Year Strategic Plan - [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023](#)
- Renewing the Promise – [A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education](#)
- Encyclical Letter “Fratelli Tutti”- [Fratelli Tutti](#)
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School-Based

- In-school Religion Program

Signature Page

Pastor:

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

Teacher(s):

Chair of Catholic School Council:

Vice Principal(s):

Principal:

Superintendent: