

# PASTORAL PLAN

**School:** **St. Patrick Separate School**

## **School Mission Statement:**

We are a Catholic school whose mission is based on the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We are rooted in a long history of academic excellence and exemplary moral development in a constantly changing world.

We welcome and value the involvement of all who have an interest in our world.

We are Church. The Catholic Church bonds our community to God.

Together we experience the rich tradition of our Catholic heritage.

The priesthood of Jesus leads us to a full understanding of dogma, faith and values.

Students Are the Focus of Our Enterprise.

We challenge them to excellence in everything they do - spiritually, academically, socially, emotionally and physically.

Together we grow in respect for self, others, authority and property.

Faculty Members Are the Agents of Our Enterprise.

We commission them to be teacher, mentor and friend.

Together we model Catholic values by setting the examples of fairness, respect and a positive attitude.

Parents Are the Supporters and Guardians of Our Enterprise.

We share in supporting the education of our children.

In a positive and constructive way we challenge the process of education.

We all live in the broader community of province, nation and the global family.

We serve that community by developing Catholic leaders, and

We are served by that community through the provision of resources - spiritual, physical and personal.

We are St. Patrick School.

**School Motto:** A Vibrant, Caring, Faith Community

**Our Parish:** St. Patrick (Brampton)

**Pastor:** *Rev. Vito Marziliano*

**Parish website:** <https://stpatricksbr.archtoronto.org/>

**Message from the Pastor:**

Liturgical life in our Catholic Schools is not an “added on” subject. It is an integral part of our daily life, studies and commitment. We believe that God is the Wisdom that has called into being every aspect of creation, and has called us to share in this awesome task. Inviting children and their families, staff and administrators to share day by day through prayer, study of Scripture, liturgy, and examination of daily life in the light of God’s Word and action in our life, we grow in the awareness of who we are, what our mission is, and the unique value of every human being. Working together, family-parish-school, we become a living page of God’s Word and a faithful instrument in God's hands. I feel blessed in sharing this journey with you. Sincerely,

Fr. Vito Marziliano,

Pastor

**Message from the Catholic School Council:**

The St. Patrick Catholic School Council is an integral part of our school community. Through the active participation and collaboration of parents/guardians, we strive to ensure that all students reach their full potential in a faith-filled environment.

**Catholic Education Week Theme: Renewing the Promise**

*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.*

May 5 – May 10 is Catholic Education Week.

- Journey into Learning Evening for new first year Kindergarten students
- French café celebration

## 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.*

- *As a school, we welcome all visitors*
- *Adult Faith Ambassador regularly organizes liturgies for staff*
- *All Meetings always begin with a prayer*
- *There are prominent symbols of our faith in the foyer and throughout the school building*
- *Our school has a Peace Garden in the front and a reflective outdoor classroom/prayer space around the front of the school.*
- *Monthly Virtues Prayer Services are held and Mass is celebrated as a school community regularly*

### Links to the Catholic Board Improvement Learning Cycle 2018-2019

- *There will be an increase in student knowledge, understanding and application of scripture, sacramental life and Catholic social teaching to daily life.*  
School Action Step: Provide more faith opportunities and resources to develop student understanding of scripture and its connection to sacrament, Catholic Social teaching, and daily life.

## 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	March 28, 2018	
First Communion	June 1, 2018	
Confirmation		May 16, 2018

**Liturgical Celebrations:**

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

Celebration	Date
Thanksgiving Mass	September 27, 2018
Advent Mass	December 5, 2018
Ash Wednesday Prayer Service	March 6, 2019
St. Patrick Feast Day Mass	March 19, 2019
Easter	May 9, 2019
Year End Mass	June 13, 2019

**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 has participated in the Terry Fox Walk/Run for 25 years and was recently recognized by the Terry Fox Foundation for this consistent participation. Our school also participates in fundraising for ShareLife. The Student Council coordinates food drives and participate in community outreach in conjunction with the Parish Priest.*

**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....celebrate the Virtues in a prayer service each month and highlight the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations during these prayer services.*

### **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.*

*We have monthly assemblies at our school to highlight the Virtues. Daily prayers over the announcements also focus on the monthly virtue. Teachers highlight these virtues in their classrooms.*

### **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.*

*We have Prayer Tables in each classroom that highlight our faith. There are prominent symbols of our faith in the foyer and throughout the school such as crosses, bibles, and images of Saints.  
We work closely in collaboration with the church to serve our community.*

### **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](#)

## **Resource List for Schools:**

### **Board**

- **Vocations Units**

We have Vocations units as part of the Grades 2, 5, and 8 curriculum. The goal of these supplementary units is to deepen one's understanding of God's call – the “*vocare*” – to various forms of life within the Church.

- **History of the Parish**

Through the resource book *Our Story, Our Tradition, Our Journey*, grade 7 students have the opportunity to learn about the history of our parish.

- [Enduring Gift Video](#)