

# PASTORAL PLAN

**School:** Metropolitan Andrei Separate School

**School Mission Statement:**

To cultivate a love of learning, so that all Metropolitan Andrei School Community members can fully realize their God-given gifts.

**School Motto:** Learn. Love, Give, Lead.

**Our Parish:** Sts. Peter and Paul

**Pastor:** *Rev. Mario Salvadori*

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

**Message from the Pastor:**

Our school is under the pastoral care of Fr. Mario Salvadori at Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

The parish selected the motto, “Turn Wounds to Wisdom.” The unexpected things in life can be used to grow in holiness. We as a school, church and home family are called to give this gift of wisdom to our children. By sharing wisdom, we assist them in developing their faith and resilience to handle adversity. We equip our children to build the Kingdom of God. For more information, check out: <https://stspeterandpaulmi.archtoronto.org>

We encourage families to register with the parish, and to join is for Mass times listed:

**MASS TIMES AT STS. PETER AND PAUL**

Join us for Mass in person or online. No reservation is needed to attend Mass in person. Watch the Livestreamed Masses on Facebook and YouTube

- **SATURDAY VIGIL:** 5:00 PM (English - In Person Only)
- **SUNDAY**
  - 8:00 AM (English - In Person Only)
  - 9:30 AM (Italian - In Person Only)
  - 11:00 AM (English - Livestreamed and In Person)
  - 12:30 PM (English - In Person Only)
- **MONDAY:** 12:10 PM (English - Livestreamed and In Person)
- **TUESDAY:** 12:10 PM (English - Livestreamed and In Person)
- **WEDNESDAY:** 12:10 PM (English - Livestreamed and In Person)
- **THURSDAY:** 12:10 PM (English - Livestreamed Only)
- **FRIDAY:** 12:10 PM (English - Livestreamed and In Person)
- **SATURDAY:** 9:00 AM (English - Livestreamed and In Person)

### **Message from the Catholic School Council:**

The Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School Council serves as a conduit in promoting the vision, values and sacramental life and practices of the DPCDSB and the Catholic Community. This school year we are aligned to support the pastoral team at Sts. Peter and Paul in their campaign to encourage in-person participation within the parish community. Participation extends to attending weekly mass and taking part in parish events. We will promote age-appropriate events (Family, Food & Film nights), Sacramental info nights (Communion and Confirmation) and the annual Dominican Republic Mission work as part of community outreach. Our greatest contribution will be to coordinate the attendance of a total of three in-person masses at the parish. 500 students and staff will be in attendance. The CSC will also pilot a test initiative where we include our pastor, Fr. Mario Salvadori in our CSC meetings to engage in timely discussions about how the Parish and Metropolitan Andrei community are working together to support the Christ-centred environments.

**Catholic Education Week – May 4<sup>th</sup> – May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Catholic Education: Pilgrims of Hope**  
**Éducation catholique : Pèlerins d'espérance**

*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 must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us."

Nous devons raviver la flamme de l'espérance qui nous a été donnée.

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2025 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**

This year, during Catholic Education Week, Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School will showcase the gift of Catholic Education through several activities which will include:

- **School-Wide Liturgical Celebration:** Begin the week with a unified prayer service focused on hope, community and May's virtue of acceptance.
- **Class Activities on "Pilgrims of Hope":** Each class will participate in activities exploring hope, faith, and community, such as creating hope journals, art projects, and discussions on what it means to be a pilgrim of hope.
- **Province-Wide Mass:** Join in the province-wide Catholic Mass as a school, connecting with other Catholic communities across Ontario.
- **Crowning of Mary Ceremony:** A special ceremony honouring Mary, including a Rosary and a flower procession, held on a separate day from the Mass to focus on her as a symbol of hope and devotion.
- **Hope Garden Planting:** Classes will plant a "Hope Garden" where each group contributes a flower or plant, symbolizing growth, unity, and resilience.
- **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:**

- **Faith Ambassadors:** Staff members gather with the Mississauga East Family of Schools for faith formation.
- **Staff Liturgies:** Held throughout the year during staff meetings to provide spiritual growth opportunities.
- **Parent Involvement:** Parents are invited to join school liturgical celebrations, fostering community engagement.
- **Social Justice Connections:** School activities are linked to Catholic teachings and scripture to reinforce faith in action.
- **Prayer Services for Staff:** Offered during liturgical events, supporting staffs' spiritual journey.

**Student Faith Formation**

- **Daily School-Wide Prayer:** Students start each day with a prayer, instilling a routine of faith.
- **Monthly Virtue Liturgies:** Student-led celebrations highlight virtues and strengthen faith-based learning. Each class participates in liturgies, allowing hands-on engagement with faith.
- **Social Justice Activities:** Student-led projects connected to Catholic teachings and scripture.
- **Support for Sacramental Years:** School Council supports students preparing for sacraments, enhancing their faith experience.
- **Collaboration with Parish:** Staff work with the Sts. Peter & Paul Parish pastoral team to prepare students for sacraments.
- **Gospel Values in Curriculum:** A Catholic World View is incorporated across all subjects to deepen students' understanding of faith.

**General Involvement:**

- **Family Faith Events:** Hosting family faith formation evenings or where families can come together to participate in faith activities, such as Advent Family Engagement Night, Stations of the Cross, etc.
- **Faith Corners:** Creating dedicated "faith corners" within classrooms and common areas with resources, prayer prompts, and scripture reflections accessible to students and staff alike.

**Intentional and explicit inclusion of a distinctive Catholic World View is infused 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>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> | TBA          |              |
| <i>First Communion</i>             | May 10, 2025 |              |
| <i>Confirmation</i>                |              | May 17, 2025 |

**Liturgical Celebrations:**

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

| Celebration                       | Date                      |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Opening Mass</b>               | <b>September 25, 2023</b> |
| <b>Remembrance Day Liturgy</b>    | <b>November 11, 2024</b>  |
| <b>Advent Mass</b>                | <b>December 3, 2024</b>   |
| <b>Ash Wednesday Liturgy</b>      | <b>March 5, 2025</b>      |
| <b>Ascension of our Lord Mass</b> | <b>May 2, 2025</b>        |
| <b>Year End Mass</b>              | <b>June 6, 2025</b>       |
| <b>Graduation Mass</b>            | <b>June 19, 2025</b>      |

**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.*

Metropolitan Andrei students and staff engage in the following outreach activities:

- Anti-bullying initiatives
- Thanksgiving Food Drive in support of community needs
- Visit to Retirement residence practicing our servant leadership
- Volunteering at (Dr. Simone s) Canadian Food Warehouse for Children
- ShareLife Pretzel Day

- Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action
- Teen Shelter Donations (Personal Hygiene Collection)
- Angel on a Tree Christmas Drive
- On the Move with Terry Fox
- Support of the Mississauga East Emergency Fund in support of families in need
- Christmas Gift Card Tree Outreach
- Crowning of Mary in May

### **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.*

**A Discerning Believer:** Students actively participate in faith-oriented activities, developing a strong spiritual foundation:

- **Virtues Assemblies:** Monthly assemblies to explore Catholic virtues in everyday life.
- **Social Justice:** Involvement in school wide & classroom projects that align with Catholic teachings and scripture.
- **Daily Prayers:** Prayers integrated into daily routines for spiritual reflection.
- **Sacramental Preparation:** Dedicated programs for Grades 2 and 7, with visible sacred spaces throughout the school.

**An Effective Communicator:** Students express and promote inclusivity and compassion through:

- **Eco School and Unity Programs:** Opportunities that reinforce social responsibility.
- **Leadership Roles:** Participation in PALS, CCCCAT, and Choir to foster a supportive, inclusive community.
- **Young Faith Ambassadors:** Evangelize and spread the teachings of Jesus, promoting a caring school environment.

**A Reflective, Creative, and Holistic Thinker:** Students develop a well-rounded perspective through various events and activities:

- **Celebrations:** Open House, Christmas Concerts, Advent Family Engagement Night and Catholic Education Week showcasing our faith, community & student achievements.

- **Behaviour Guidance:** Catholic Code of Conduct reinforced through Virtue Assemblies, PALS, THINK, WWJD and WITS.
- **Faith Milestones:** Events like the Crowning of Mary and Rosary Apostolate Program enrich students' faith journeys.

**A Self-Directed, Responsible, Lifelong Learner:** Students are encouraged to discover their potential through:

- **Diverse Celebrations:** Events like Bullying Awareness Week and Black History Month promote respect and awareness.
- **Extracurricular Involvement:** Opportunities for participation in sports, arts, clubs and other activities that develop God-given talents.
- **Mindfulness Mondays:** Activities fostering well-being and self-reflection to support lifelong learning.

### **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 Metropolitan Andrei School, the Catholic Virtues shape our approach to the world and are integrated into the learning students do in the various subject disciplines. In addition, the Virtues are celebrated and highlighted through school-wide, student-led online presentations. The Virtues celebrated each month are:

- September – **Faith: Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> (Coordinated with Marathon of Hope)**
- October – **Empathy: Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>**
- November – **Conscience: Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> (Coordinated with Anti-Bullying Week)**
- December – **Hope: Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>**
- January – **Self-Control: /Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>**
- February – **Respect: Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> (Coordinated with BHM)**
- March – **Kindness: March 21<sup>st</sup> (Coordinated with World Down Syndrome Day)**
- April – **Love: April 22<sup>nd</sup>: (Coordinated with Earth Day)**
- May – **Acceptance (Coordinated with CEW)**
- June – **Fairness: June 24<sup>th</sup>**
- Youth Faith Ambassadors
- School Liturgies focused on OCSGE and Virtues
- Newsletter/Parent Updates
- Announcements
- OCSGE Graduate Awards

**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 Metropolitan Andrei School, our commitment to **discipleship and service** is evident throughout our community, and we have several symbols and practices that highlight our Catholic faith:

- **Sacred Spaces:** Each classroom includes a dedicated Sacred Space, which changes with the liturgical seasons and serves as a focal point for prayer and reflection. These spaces reflect colours, symbols, and items relevant to the liturgical season, offering a visual reminder of our faith journey.
- **Foyer Displays:** The school foyer celebrates the current liturgical season and highlights ongoing Catholic Social Justice initiatives, serving as a welcoming reminder of our faith and commitment to service. The changing displays keep the school community connected to the rhythm of the liturgical year.
- **Virtue Posters and Student Displays:** Throughout the school, posters depict the virtues central to our Catholic faith. In addition, student art projects are displayed, celebrating their contributions and presence within the school, fostering a sense of belonging and community.
- **Daily Prayer and Reflection:** Our school community gathers for prayer at various times throughout the morning arrival, lunchtime, and other designated times. Morning prayers incorporate readings and reflections from sources like *Children's Daily Prayer*, along with resources from our Program and Faith Team, especially during Advent and Lent.
- **Acts of Service:** Both staff and students actively participate in service projects, collecting food, clothing, and personal care items for those in need. These donations are part of our year-round Catholic Social Justice campaigns, demonstrating our call to serve.

These practices and symbols visibly express our Catholic identity, helping students, staff, and families to focus their learning and daily interactions on our shared faith. By integrating these elements into school life, we ensure that the Catholic faith is a lived experience at Metropolitan Andrei School.



**Resource List for Parents/Guardians:**

- General Roman 2024-2025 Liturgical Calendar - [2024-2025 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 2025 – [Catholic Education Week 2025](#)

**Resource List for Schools:****Board**

- General Roman 2024-2025 Liturgical Calendar - [2024-2025 Liturgical Calendar](#)
- Multi-Year Strategic Plan - [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2023-2027](#)
- Renewing the Promise – [A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education](#)
- 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 2025](#)
- On the Synodal Road to 2025 – [Synodal Road to 2025](#)

**School-Based**

Adaptive Kits for Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion & Confirmation

Vocation Kits – We have Vocation units as part of the Grade 2, 5 and 8 Religion 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 and Catholic Schools in Dufferin Peel - Through the resource ***Our Story, Our Tradition, Our Journey***, Grade 7 students can learn about the history of our parish and our school system.

**Signature Page**

**Pastor Fr. Mario Salvatore**

**Faith Ambassador(s) (*as applicable*) – N. Lysyuk, M. Hordiyuk, R. Sanelli, W. Urac**

**Teacher(s) – N. Guiyab, D. Planche, C. Pinelli, M. Ramos**

**Chair of Catholic School Council - J. Santos- Abella**

**Vice Principal(s) – S. Richer**

**Principal – M. DiNunzio**

**Superintendent – D. Belchior**