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PASTORAL PLAN

School: **St. Jean Brebeuf Elementary School**

School Mission Statement:

We, the St. Jean Brebeuf School community, bear witness and commitment to Jesus' message of faith, hope and love. Together with our community and parish partners, we provide a welcoming and safe environment that promotes co-operation, respect for self and others, understanding and friendship as we strive for academic excellence. Together we strive to prepare our students for the future with a Christian education in the Catholic tradition.

School Motto: Faith - Community - Excellence

Our Parish: St. Anthony of Padua

Pastor: **Rev. Joseph Pham**

Parish website: www.stanthonyofpadua.ca

Message from the Pastor:

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is truly a privilege to serve as the Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church for the past 7 years. As we begin this new school year, I pray that you will join me in thanking God for the gift of education. Please join me in praying and showing our gratitude to God for our dedicated and hard-working group of teachers who will not only teach but minister to your children in their education. The start of a new school year is always a special time filled with much excitement as we begin to travel the road ahead. There is so much to learn and experience that we much thank God for these many blessings of growth and discovery. It is my prayer that God may watch over our students, parents, teachers and administrators and grant us all the grace of wisdom and understanding, patience and abundant charity throughout this new school year

Pope Francis, in his message for the relaunching of the Global Compact on Education, sponsored by the Congregation for Catholic Education, highlights the role of education as one that becomes a creator of fraternity, peace and justice. He Prays and hopes that we may be sustained by the conviction that education bears within itself a seed of hope: the hope of peace and justice, the hope of beauty and goodness, the hope of social harmony.

I invite you to return to St. Anthony of Padua church for Sunday worship. Here at our parish community of St. Anthony of Padua, we believe that the Lord is always present among us. Jesus gathers us as a family every Sunday so we can be fed by His Word and Eucharist. Indeed, the Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life.” We gather to be nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharist so that we can be living examples of Jesus to our brothers and sisters. At St. Anthony of Padua Church, we encourage our families to attend Mass on Sunday. Our weekend Masses are Saturday at 5:00pm, Sunday at 8:15, 9:30, 11:00am and 12:30pm. Besides coming to Mass on Sunday, I also encourage your family to spend a few minutes daily praying together. When the family prays together, it brings them closer to each other and to God. Invite the Lord to come into your family and place in His hands your joys and sorrows. As parents, you are called to be examples of faith to your children.

Together we can make a difference with the help of God. Please keep me in your prayers, and may God bless you and your family always.

With trust in God’s providential care, I will keep you daily in my prayers.

Fr. Joseph Pham
Pastor – St. Anthony of Padua Church

Message from the Catholic School Council:

St. Jean Brebeuf’s Catholic School Council for the 2023-2024 school year is a combination of parents and school staff working together in order to provide valuable experiences for our students in a Christ centered environment. The council meets regularly to discuss school goals and initiatives. It is our hope to continue to organize and plan various fundraising initiatives and events to support the ongoing needs of the school and community and events that bring the community closer to the school and parish.

Catholic Education Week –May 5, 2023 – May 10, 2024

Catholic Education: We are Many, We are One L'éducation catholique: À plusieurs, nous sommes un

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 five sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 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

Our students and parent community will have opportunities to have true moments to celebrate the significant contribution that Catholic Education has made to the community, the province and to Canada, throughout the school year.

During Catholic Education Week, we plan to have:

- School Liturgy
- Classroom activities and presenters will be planned that connect to the five subthemes of Catholic Education Week.
- Journey into Learning Event

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.

At St. Jean Brebeuf School, we are called to affirm our Catholic Faith, in word and action and increase student knowledge, understanding and application of scripture. We recognize parents are integral in the development of their child's faith. At St. Jean Brebeuf School, faith formation is developed daily through prayers, religious and family life lessons. The students will deepen their understanding of Scripture with the consistent use of our religious resources. Announcements incorporate daily readings, quotes from famous saints and messages about living the virtues. In addition, faith is developed in all our classrooms daily and all lessons are rooted in our Christian Faith.

Activities that support both adult and student faith formation:

- Land Acknowledgement every morning in recognition that we are a Treaty people
- Weekly scripture passage related to virtues
- Student and Adult Faith Ambassadors initiatives
- Staff liturgies
- Sharelife Events for staff and students
- School Masses
- Sacramental Retreats
- School-Wide Retreats
- Confirmation Preparation classes at St. Anthony of Padua Church
- First Holy Communion and First Confession Preparation Classes
- Rosary Apostolate
- Virtues assemblies
- Health and well-being initiatives aligned to our Faith
- Sacred spaces within classrooms
- Food Drives
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- Christian Meditation
- Social Justice Initiatives

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	A variety of dates provided by Parish	
Sacrament of First Holy Communion	June 17, 2023 @ 2:00pm	
Sacrament of Confirmation		April 23, 2023 @ 4:00pm

Liturgical Celebrations:

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

Celebration	Date
Thanksgiving Mass	---
Advent Mass	December 13, 2022 @ 1:00pm
Lenten Mass	March 20, 2024 @ 1:30pm
Year End Mass	June 4, 2023 @ 1:30pm
Confessions	TBD
Ash Wednesday Liturgy	February 14, 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.

We value the involvement of community through partnership and collaboration. We work closing with St. Anthony of Padua Parish and the home. Our school participates in:

- ShareLife activities (Staff and school-wide spirit events)
- Cancer Society (Terry Fox Run)
- Food banks/drives (Dr. Simone's C.F.C, Knights Table, Thanksgiving drive, Christmas drive)

- Christmas Toy Collection
- St. Vincent de Paul Donations of Christmas gifts and clothing
- Christmas basket collection in support of St. Anthony's Parish
- Youth Faith Ambassadors volunteer at Dr. Simone's Warehouse (Canadian Food for Children)
- Breakfast Program
- Coats for Kids
- Equity Initiatives
- Indigenous Education and reconciliation initiatives

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.

Our school programs, classroom lessons, and initiatives work in conjunction to foster the development of a Catholic School Graduate. In our school and community we:

- Create classrooms that focus on OCSGE and Virtues education
- Build awareness of OCSGE at Virtues monthly assemblies
- Share the word of God daily through our Family Life program
- Provide varied spiritual, academic and social opportunities for students
- Focused scripture study based on the virtue of the month.

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:

- Adults modeling our Catholic faith and Virtues
- Virtue's education is celebrated daily during morning announcements
- Symbols representative of the virtues are placed on the altar at the front of our school and changed monthly.
- Virtue posters are hanging in the hallways.

- Virtue assemblies highlighting students who demonstrate the virtues in daily living are held monthly
- Virtues are highlighted in the front foyer display case

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 call to discipleship and service are evident throughout St. Jean Brebeuf School. These visible reminders help us to focus our learnings and interactions on the key tenants of our shared faith.

- Each classroom has a crucifix, a bible and a clearly identifiable sacred space in a prominent place that serves as a focal point for prayer and reflection. These sacred spaces reflect the liturgical season and are equipped with items that assist in intentional prayer.
- The Catholic Graduate Expectations are posted throughout the school and are a focus for all students and staff.
- The front foyer is adorned with a beautiful wooden altar, a statue of Mary, a picture depicting our patron saint evangelizing, and an open bible. We also have a mosaic cross and rosary created by students at St. Jean Brebeuf School.
- We will continue to recognize over the announcements each morning that we are a Treaty People and we respect and honour these treaties of our fellow Indigenous brothers and sisters. We have posters throughout the school honouring these treaties and delivering the message that we are all stewards of the earth
- Liturgical seasonal displays (Advent wreath, Liturgical colors)
- A display case highlighting monthly virtues and other seasonally appropriate liturgical celebration also adds to the visibility of our faith.
- Our statue of Mary is in the peace garden in the front of the building.
- We have a beautiful yellow "Buddy" bench in the school hallway, that was donated to the school from St. Anthony of Padua Parish.

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 2023](#)
- Synod on Synodality – [Synod 2021 - 2024](#)

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](#)
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School-Based

- Religion Curriculum
- Fully Alive
- Many Gifts