

PASTORAL PLAN

School Name: St. Timothy Catholic School

School Mission Statement:

We, the Christian community of St. Timothy School,
are dedicated to the nurturing of Catholic values and lifelong learning through
“cooperation, education and celebration.”

We believe that diversity is a part of the richness of God’s creation
and that our school promotes a sense of peace, belonging and self-worth.

School Motto: Cooperate - Educate - Celebrate

Our Parish: St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Pastor: Rev. Jose Gabriel Forero Martinez, c.s.

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

Message from the Pastor:

Dear Parents,

Please accept my greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ on behalf of our parish community. I would like to welcome you to this new Academic Year at St. Timothy Catholic School. As the pastor of St Catherine of Siena Church, I am very happy to say that we at the parish are eager to walk together with the school on “our journey of Faith”. We are confident that the school staff are committed to educating your children in all areas of life: academic, spiritual, social, and physical. We want your children to grow as Jesus did *“increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour”* (cf. Luke 2.52).

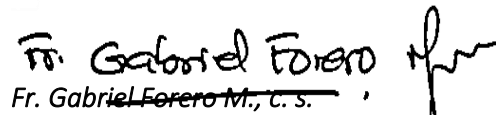
We trust and believe that the school, as a Catholic school, has and continues to strive to live out the commitment to instill in all students the lessons that will prepare them not only for academic and professional success, but also, and especially, for success in life. I take this opportunity to remind you that our Catholic faith requires a personal relationship with Jesus whom we must know how to recognize in all those around us. The challenge is for us to work together for the good of “the least of these”, as family,

school, and parish so that with our witness they may grow in all areas cultivating a personal relationship with Jesus and a community sense of responsibility.

Thank you for considering Catholic formation for your children. I trust that all of you will discover and experience God's blessings by faithfully practicing your faith.

I take this opportunity to assure you of my prayers for you, and a warm welcome at St. Catherine of Siena Church, where we also offer opportunities as well as formation groups where we can grow and deepen our faith.

Yours in Christ,


~~Fr. Gabriel Forero M., C.S.~~
St. Catherine of Siena Church, Pastor

Message from the Catholic School Council:

The St. Timothy Catholic School Council strives to fulfill its obligation to "promote the vision, values, sacramental life and Catholic practices of the school and Board." The Catholic School Council serves as an advisory committee on a number of items, including goals and procedures for supporting the best interest of all our students and the school community.

Faith Development at St. Timothy School has been an integral component of the Catholic School Council. Our school community, Administration, Staff and Catholic School Council, along with the Parish Rep., work collaboratively with the Pastoral Team on providing an abundance of opportunities for our students to practice and live out their faith via the Sacraments, participating in Masses and liturgies, Youth Ministry and Pastoral visits. Supporting community building initiatives and events is also part of our mission to serve the students, staff and families entrusted in our care (e.g., Community BBQ, Living Nativity and Spring Market). Furthermore, local and global outreach is also a priority in our commitment to serve. Outreach initiatives include: St. Vincent De Paul Society, Salvation Army, Share Life, Terry Fox Foundation, and Dr. Simone Canadian Food for Children.

Catholic Education Week – May 4th – May 9th, 2025

Catholic Education: Pilgrims of Hope ***L'éducation catholique: Pèlerins de l'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.

The quote for Catholic Education Week 2025 is:

"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us."
(Letter on the Jubilee Year of Hope, February 11, 2022)

"Nous devons garder allumée la flamme de l'espérance qui nous a été donnée."
(Lettre sur le Jubilé de l'espérance; 11 février 2022)

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2025 are:

- Monday: **By honouring human dignity / Honorent la dignité humaine**
- Tuesday: **By caring for creation / Prennent soin de la création**
- Wednesday: **By responding to the poverties in our world / Luttent contre les pauvretés**
- Thursday: **By serving in solidarity / Servent en solidarité**
- Friday: **By living as peacemakers / Vivent en artisans de paix**

Events planned for the week:

Monday May 5 – Marion Celebration

Tuesday May 6 – Journey Into Learning (Welcome New Kinder Families)

Wed May 7– Unveiling and celebrating the extension of our Diversity Mural . . . "Go In Peace"

Thursday May 8 – "Full Steam Ahead" – steam initiative

Friday, May 9- Healthy Bodies, Minds, Spirit School Wide Retreat

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. Timothy School staff and students regularly engage in faith formation activities which include:

- Daily staff and student-led school-wide prayers with an emphasis on Scripture readings in student friendly language, highlighting virtues in action and living out our Gospel values
 - Intentional and explicit inclusion of a distinctive Catholic world-view across all subject areas; promoting equity, diversity, inclusion and building community
 - Active Staff Liturgical Committee
 - Support of ShareLife Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Canadian Food for Children, Terry Fox Foundation
 - Faithful Fridays with St. Catherine of Siena Pastoral Team
 - Focus on Stewardship of the Earth and Environment, with Eco initiatives in partnership with the City of Mississauga; fostering and maintaining platinum status
 - Staff and Student Liturgies to honour Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, Advent, Lent, Easter
 - School community masses with St. Catherine of Siena Parish to worship together including school opening and closing, and for celebrations of Sacraments, Graduation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 - Health Action Team which helps us to focus on the connection between mind, body and spirit as we focus on mental health initiatives, through Christian mediation, prayer, music and mindfulness exercises

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
First Reconciliation	Tues. April 8, 2025	
First Holy Communion	May 24, 2025	
Confirmation		June 2, 2025

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 and Thanksgiving Celebration	October 17, 2024
Advent Mass	December 5, 2024
St. Timothy Feast Day Celebration	January 27, 2025
Ash Wednesday Liturgy	March 5, 2025
Lenten Confessions	March 19, 2025
<i>Easter Mass</i>	April 24, 2025
Graduation Liturgy and Blessing	June 18, 2024
End of Year Liturgy and Blessing	June 25, 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.

Our school participates in a variety of outreach activities which support global and local organizations that are aligned with our Catholic Social Teachings, and have a strong tradition of serving and giving to those in need. Examples include ShareLife, Dr. Simone (Canadian Food for Children), Terry Fox Foundation and the St. Vincent de Paul Society chapter of St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

Our school participates in raising funds and/or donations for:

- Food Drives -Thanksgiving and Easter
- ShareLife initiatives - ongoing throughout the year
- The Terry Fox Marathon of Hope for cancer research
- Christmas Gift Baskets, Toy Drive and Gift Cards for families in need in our community in partnership with St. Vincent de Paul Society - St. Catherine of Siena Church and Region of Peel and globally for Ukraine Relief

Religious Education Student Retreat: Grade 2 First Communion Retreat and Grade 7 Confirmation Retreat (TBA)

Year-round: As a school with a platinum rated EcoSchools certification, our stewardship initiatives include nurturing our eco footprint by reducing lunch waste, lights out lunches, walking to school, and ongoing eco awareness activities

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....

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. At St. Timothy School, the OCSGE's are integrated in the teaching and learning in all of our classrooms from Kindergarten to Grade 8, as Catholic education views human life as an integration of body, mind, and spirit. Our instructional practices reflect the knowledge, skills and mindset embodied in these expectations, and recognize the importance of the development of the whole child in terms of values, attitudes and actions. Furthermore, ongoing review, implementation and reflection around these expectations are evidenced in our monthly newsletters, conversations and actions with staff, students and the community at large.

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. Timothy school, our Catholic faith community is rooted in a set of common beliefs about God's will for all people. The month-at-a-time format provides the whole school with a common language to move and celebrate through the school year. This program provides vocabulary and milestones for a continuous school-wide conversation and culture about how we can creatively maintain a safe, caring school community that reflects the values and teachings of Jesus Christ. Classroom liturgies and celebrations that highlight our virtues and the liturgical calendar allow opportunities for students to experience our virtues in actions. Announcements and daily prayers highlight our Gospel values: reminding students what each virtue looks like, feels like, and sounds like in the classroom and in the school yard. Scripture stories are integrated into the Religion curriculum and throughout our daily activities. Our Gospel values are the foundation for all that we do at St. Timothy School and the community at large. In addition, ongoing communication of our virtues in action with all our families are continuously highlighted via newsletters, meetings, celebrations, community building events, and in all that we say and do, as we grow, learn and serve in the love of Christ.

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 ...Crosses, Bibles, Prayer Tables, community service

Signs of our faith are visible as soon as one enters the front doors of the school and are visible throughout the school hallways and classrooms. The altar and the large display cases in the school's front foyer reflect the liturgical seasons of the Church year and the virtue banners are reminders of our Gospel values. Each classroom has a sacred space and a cross, as the classroom prayer tables are an interactive focal point with the colour of the tablecloth and the symbols on the table changing to align with the liturgical colours, seasons and virtues. A portrait of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, a large statue of our patron saint, St. Timothy, diverse images of our Holy Mother, and our school prayer are permanently displayed in the front hallway. Our front foyer also has an electronic display which highlights photos of students, staff and our community demonstrating faith in action; learning and serving in the love of Christ.

Resource List for Parents/Guardians:

- General Roman 2024-2025 Liturgical Calendar - [2024-2025 Liturgical Calendar](#)
- Religious Education Curriculum - [Ontario Religious Education Curriculum](#)
- New Family Life Curriculum 2023 - [Ontario Family Life Curriculum 2023](#)
- New Family Life Education Curriculum and Support Resources – [Institute for Catholic Education](#)
- Fully Alive Program information - [Ontario Bishops' information on Fully Alive](#)
- **Encyclical Letters** : 'Laudato Si', 'Laudato Deum' and 'Christus vivit'
- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- Catholic Education Week 2025 – [Catholic Education Week 2025](#)
- Jubilee Year 2025 – [Pilgrims of Hope](#)

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 Letters : 'Laudato Si', 'Laudato Deum' and 'Christus vivit'](#)
- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- Catholic Education Week 2025 – [Catholic Education Week 2025](#)

School-Based

- Student Agendas
- Liturgical Symbols –
aligned with Catholic Education theme and Liturgical Calendar
- School Newsletters
- School Website
- School Twitter Account @StTimothyDPCDSB
- School Messenger
- Library Resource Centre
- “Words for the Journey” Lisa Freemantle and Les Miller

Signature Page

Pastor: Father Gabriel

Teacher(s)

Cara Soares and Brenda Kontostergios

Chair of Catholic School Council

Sheila Schiavo

Vice Principal(s)

Carmelina Allegretti



Principal

Maria Masucci

Superintendent

Drago Radic