

**PASTORAL PLAN**

**School: St. Evan Catholic Elementary School**

**School Mission Statement:**

We, at St. Evan Catholic Elementary School aim to provide a safe, caring, and inclusive environment that promotes the faith development, well-being, and academic excellence of our students. Through a foundation of faith, integrity, and respect for one another and for God's creations, we will strive to promote the development of our students in Christ's image.

**School Motto:**  Soaring with Christ

**Our Parish:** St. Leonard

**Pastor: *Rev. Paul John Nosan***

**Parish website: *https://stleonardsbr.archtoronto.org/***

**Message from the Pastor:**

Our school is under the pastoral care of *St. Leonard Parish*.  We encourage our families to register with the parish, and to join us for Sunday mass Saturday at 5:00 PM or Sunday at 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM or 12:00 noon. You must register in advance if you would like to attend a particular mass. In St. John Paul II's Letter for the Third Millennium, we find a sevenfold pastoral plan for the Church:

1. We are called to holiness

2. Importance of daily prayer

3. Importance of the Sunday Eucharist

4. Making use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

5. Primacy of grace in our life

6. Listening to the Word of God (may it form us)

7. Proclaiming the Word of God (especially by our life

**Message from the Catholic School Council:**

St. Evan’sCatholic 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 -** May 1 – May 6, 2022

**Catholic Education: Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together**

**L’éducation catholique: Rebâtir, Restaurer, Renouveller Ensemble**

*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.*

***“Behold, I make all things new.”* (Revelation 21:5)**

***«Voici que je fais toutes choses nouvelles.»* (Apocalypse 21,5)**

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2022 are:

Monday: **Rediscover / Redécouvrir**

Tuesday: **Rebuild / Rebâtir**

Wednesday: **Restore /** **Restaurer**

Thursday:   **Renew / Renouveller**

Friday:   **Rejoice / Se réjouir**

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| * Virtue celebrations of Acceptance displayed within classrooms and in hallways * Catholic Education Week lessons, based on daily themes * Purchase and display of books recommended for Catholic Education Week |

**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.*

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| * Regular prayer as an essential component in experiencing God’s presence and in developing a relationship with Him * Visible signs and symbols displayed throughout the school as reminders of our Catholic traditions and adherence to Gospel values * Students at St. Evan give witness to Catholic Social Teaching by promoting peace and justice whilst reaching out to those less fortunate * Have high expectations of students and staff at St. Evan regarding Respect: respect for God, respect for ourselves, and respect for others in word and deed * Honour sacramental life by teaching and preparations for First Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation * Staff liturgies organized by Adult Faith Ambassadors * Celebrate monthly virtues in individual classrooms through prepared presentations |

**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.*

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| **Event** | **Grade 2** | **Grade 7 & 8** |
| Sacrament of Reconciliation | Spring 2022 |  |
| First Holy Communion | Spring 2022 |  |
| Confirmation |  | Grade 8 Confirmation: Nov. 12, 2021  Grade 7 Confirmation: Spring 2022 |

**Liturgical Celebrations:**

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

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| **Celebration** | **Date** |
| Advent – Virtual gathering | Date to be determined by Parish priest |
| Lent – Virtual gathering | Date to be determined by Parish priest |
| End of Year – Virtual gathering | Date to be determined by Parish priest |

**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.*

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| * As a school community, St. Evan participated fully in the Terry Fox drive in late September and raised funds for cancer research * We will be engaging in several Share Life activities throughout Share Life Week and donate monies thereof * We collected food to send to Caledon Exchange for a Thanksgiving food drive * We will be participating in other food drives throughout the year including Christmastime and Lent, if Covid protocols allow * Elevate student voice in leadership through Youth Faith Ambassadors * We will participate in the Dr. Simone Candy drive * We will organize a Christmas Tree of Hope fundraiser, collecting gift cards for families on our community in need * Our grade 7 Confirmandi participate in several programs that engage a knowledge of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and action towards community services |

**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.*

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| * acknowledge and celebrate the OCSGE by continuing to celebrate our catholic virtues in prayer, liturgy, and celebratory assemblies each month * highlight the OCSGE during daily prayer, liturgies, and masses, announcements, classroom-based activities, and our social justice and outreach programs |

**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.*

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| * Monthly virtue assemblies in classrooms * Prayers over the morning announcements align to the virtue of the month * Consistently highlight the virtue of Respect throughout our daily expectations, classroom activities, schoolyard, and offices * Concentration throughout all activities on Respect for Self, Others, and God * Students are made to feel welcomed, included and understood * Visible signs such as posters and student work displayed throughout the schools   Progressive Discipline based on developing strategies to support growth as a virtuous person |

**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.*

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| At St. Evan we will strive to visually express our Faith in the following ways:   * Sacred Space foremost in our foyer, dressed in seasonal Liturgical colours and themes * Bible, Pascal Candle, and Crucifix front and centre on the Sacred Space * Religious Banner for our school and family displayed in the front foyer * Sacred Space in every room, including all offices and classrooms * Crucifixes adorn each classroom * Daily announcements include Gospel and Scripture readings * Catholic School Code of Conduct embedded in Progressive Discipline and Rehabilitation * Parents/families/caregivers are included and provided with frequent communication to highlight faith events and faith-based activities * Anti-bullying activities, such as presenters and regular programmes and visits from our Community Police highlighting bullying, cyber-bullying, and anti-bullying strategies |

**Resource List for Parents/Guardians:**

* **Religious Education Curriculum -** [Ontario Religious Education Curriculum](https://iceont.ca/curriculum/)
* **Family Life Curriculum -** [Ontario Family Life Curriculum](https://iceont.ca/curriculum/)
* **Fully Alive Program information -** [Ontario Bishops' information on Fully Alive](http://acbo.on.ca/educational-resources/)
* **Encyclical Letter “Fratelli Tutti”-** [Fratelli Tutti](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html)
* **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation -** [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](https://nctr.ca/)
* **Catholic Education Week 2021 Video Message –** [Catholic Education Week 2021](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FU9eEExbkZw)

**Resource List for Schools:**

**Board**

* **Multi-Year Strategic Plan -** [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023](https://www3.dpcdsb.org/Documents/2019-23%20MYSP%20Flyer%20FINAL.pdf)
* **Renewing The Promise -** [Renewing The Promise](https://iceont.ca/renewing-the-promise-2/)
* **Encyclical Letter “Fratelli Tutti”-** [Fratelli Tutti](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html)
* **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation -** [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](https://nctr.ca/)
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**School-Based**

* Fully Alive Program/Family Life
  + Well-being connections can also be made to several of the themes in the Family Life Curriculum document
* Religious Education Program
* Ontario Catholic School Graduation Expectations
* Virtues Program
* Pastoral/Liturgical Teams
* OAPCE Parent Representative

**Signature Page**

**Pastor:** Rev. Paul Nosan

**Faith Ambassador(s) *(as applicable)*:** M. Sadurski, V. Auger, E. Travaglini

**Teacher(s)**

**Chair of Catholic School Council:** M. Moeller

**Vice Principal(s):** K. Marsi

**Principal:** J. Amodeo

**Superintendent:** J. Kuran