

PASTORAL PLAN

School Name: St. Angela Merici Vision and Dedication

School Mission Statement:

St. Angela Merici School is a Catholic faith community that creates a Christ-centred environment. Students grow in the realization that faith is a way of life that should permeate all of one's actions and decisions. Our goal is to impart a deep conviction in individuals to bear positive witness in the world and to challenge all to achieve excellence spiritually, socially and academically.

School Motto: Vision and Dedication

Our Parish: Guardian Angels

Pastor: *Rev. Jan Gogolewski*

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

Message from the Pastor:

Our School is under the pastoral care of Guardian Angels Parish. We encourage families to register with the parish, and to join us for Saturday or Sunday mass at Guardian Angels Parish on:

Saturday evening: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 noon.

Message from the Catholic School Council:

The St. Angela Merici Catholic School Council is an integral part of our Catholic 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 5th – May 10th, 2024

Catholic Education: We are Called to Love
L'éducation catholique: Appelés à aimer

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.

"If we love one another, God lives in us." 1 John 4:12

Si nous nous aimons les uns les autres, Dieu demeure en nous. (1 Jean 4, 12)

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2024 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**

Volunteer Appreciation
Crowning of Mary
Daily announcements
Social Media
Equity School Wide 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.

St. Angela Merici School promotes the catechesis and faith promotion by having a vibrant Youth Faith Leaders program as well as Adult Faith Leaders who provide guidance, support, and liturgical opportunities to support our staff at the school and our Brampton West Family of Schools. Our school community continues to promote and empower our students to become discerning believers, effective communicators, reflective, creative and holistic thinkers, self-directed, responsible, lifelong learners, collaborative contributors, caring family members and responsible citizens. Through liturgy, word, and action we embrace and practice our Catholic responsibility and Gospel Values. Our school community actively participates in Advent and Lenten school wide liturgies/masses and activities. The school community actively participates in a variety of Social Outreach programs throughout the year.

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	Week prior to First Communion Guardian Angels Parish	
First Holy Communion	Sun April 7, 14, or 21, 2024 @ 3:00 pm (TBD) Guardian Angels Parish	
Confession		Week prior to Confirmation. Guardian Angels Parish
Confirmation		Sat, April 6, 13, or 20 @ 2:00 Guardian Angels Parish (TBD)

Liturgical Celebrations:

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

Celebration	Date
Thanksgiving Mass	October 5, 2023 @ 9:30 am
Remembrance Day Liturgy	November 10, 2023 @ 10:00 in school gym
Advent Mass	December 8, 2023 @ 9:30 am
St. Angela Merici Feast Day	January 27, 2024 (liturgy on Fri. January 26, 2024)
Ash Wednesday Liturgy	February 14, 2024
Stations of the Cross	Holy Week March 25-28, 2024
Easter Mass	April 12, 2024 @ 9:30 am
Year End Mass	June 3, 2024 @ 9:30

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.

Month	Moral/Ethical Applications	Catholic Traditions & OCSGEs
September	*Terry Fox walk	A Caring Family Member Common Good
October	*Halloween Spirit Week *Digital Citizenship/Catholic Code of Conduct Assemblies	A Caring Family Member Participation A Responsible Citizen
November	* Staff donations to ShareLife for Dress Down Day *Hard Candy Drive for CFFC (Nov. 1-5) *Anti-Bullying Week	A Discerning Believer A Caring Family Member Common Good
December	*Spirit Week & ECO Events *Adult Advent Liturgies *School Wide Advent Retreat *Tree of Hope – Ste. Louise Outreach *Music in the Halls	A Discerning Believer A Lifelong Leader A Reflective, Creative and Holistic Thinker Common Good

		A Responsible Citizen
January	*Digital Citizenship/Catholic Code of Conduct Assemblies	A Responsible Citizen
February	* Well Being Week : Winter Outdoor Physical Activities / Winter Festival / Mindfulness	A Lifelong Leader A Responsible Citizen A Caring Family Member
March	*Shrove Tuesday *SHARELIFE Event (Feb 14 Ash Wednesday) *School Wide Lenten Retreat *Stations of the Cross *Lenten Food Drive– Knights Table – Holy Week	A Discerning Believer A Collaborative Contributor A Responsible Citizen Stewardship Common Good
April	*Earth Day *Day of Pink	A Lifelong Leader A Responsible Citizen Common Good Stewardship
May	*Crowning of Mary- Rosary Apostolates	A Discerning Believer
June	*Well Being: Play Day/Outdoors	A Collaborative Contributor A Lifelong Leader

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.

The Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations are posted centrally in our school foyer at St. Angela Merici School. We integrate these expectations during our daily school announcements, classroom lessons, and liturgies. Staff are noticing and naming examples of how students realize the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations. Our focus will be to identify, name and highlight student actions, which exemplify the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations to the parent community.

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.

Students highlight the virtue of the month during school wide morning prayers and announcements. Students reflect upon and articulate how their actions demonstrate the virtues.

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.

Throughout the school, we have visible signs of our faith, such as: Crosses, Bibles, Prayer Tables, a Sacred Prayer Space. Our display cases demonstrate our commitment to Catholic Education and social justice initiatives occurring in the school. As a school community we celebrate the various feast days and religious holidays that are significant in the Liturgical Calendar.

Resource List for Parents/Guardians:

- General Roman 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar - [2023-2024 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 2024](#) – Catholic Education Week 2024
- [Synod on Synodality](#) – Synod 2021 - 2024

Resource List for Schools:

Board

- **General Roman 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar** - [2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar](#)
- [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) - Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023
- [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
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School-Based

- *Auditing Our Catholic Schools*
- *Dear Pope Francis*
- *Pope Francis Says...*
- *Where to Find it in the Bible*
- Adaptive Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation Kits
- Adaptive Program – Finding God Kit for Kindergarten classes
- Bibles

Signature Page

Pastor Fr. Jan Gogolewski

Faith Ambassador(s) (*as applicable*)

Teacher(s) J. Riverso-Correia

Chair of Catholic School Council L. McLaren

Vice Principal(s)

Principal D. Linardic

Superintendent T. Peel