



St. Clair Catholic
District School Board



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Board Pastoral Plan 2021-2022

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Background

Two years ago, the Board Pastoral Plan was inspired by the Pope's Encyclical Laudato Si with the theme "Caring for our Common Home". This theme raised awareness of our call to stewardship, and our call to care for each other.

Last year this theme continued, with the new addition of "Recovering Together" - reflecting our need to work together to recover from the global pandemic. Our theme this year, "Caring for our Common Home: Stronger Together", is inspired by the scripture passage Haggai 2:4- "but now be strong, all you people of the land, and work, for I am with you". As we return to school this year, and the pandemic continues, the pastoral plan theme and prayer will be a reminder to our system that we are not alone, and that we can find strength in the Lord, and in each other, when we are faced with challenges. Each year the Board Pastoral Plan supports faith formation of our community and identifies specific system goals for the year. In alignment with the Board Strategic Plan.

Our theme this year continues to reflect the call to care for our common home, but also emphasizes we are stronger together. Working with the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee, including Margaret Palmer the System Chaplaincy Lead, and Kim Fitzmorris, Catholic Elementary Curriculum Consultant, goals are established to frame our work as a system next year and root our work in our faith. The Committee examined the 2020-2021 goals, progress made and co-created the goals identified on this year's plan.

Margaret Palmer developed our Pastoral Prayer for the year. There are elements of the prayer used the previous year in this year's prayer. The prayer is inspired by prayers in the Development and Peace resources, the Pope's encyclical Fratelli Tutti and the Pope's Apostolic Letter Patris Corde, which identifies the proclamation of Saint Joseph as the patron of the Universal Church. Joseph too inspires us, with his courage and strength. The year of St. Joseph continues until December 2021.



Recommendations

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Board Pastoral Plan 2021-2022*, for information.

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Caring for our Common Home: Stronger Together

"But now be strong, all you people of the land, and work. For I am with you" Haggai 2:4

We live our values every day...



Respect rooted in love

By this everyone will know
that you are my disciples, if
you have love for one another
John 13:35



Excellence for all

I can do all things
through Christ who
strengthens me;
Philippians 4:13



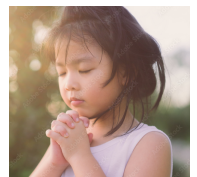
Accountability to God, self and others

Truly I tell you, just as you did
it to one of the least of these
who are members of my
family,^{1a} you did it to me.
Matthew 25:40



Engagement in our work

Whatever your task,
put yourselves into it,
as done for the Lord
Colossians 3:23



Called to serve our world

God saw everything that
He has made, and
behold it was very good
Genesis 1:31

as each of us becomes...

A Discerning Believer

A Self-directed, Responsible,
Life-Long Learner

An Effective Communicator

A Collaborative Contributor

A Reflective, Creative
& Holistic Thinker

A Caring Family Member

A Responsible Citizen

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Stronger Together Prayer

O Holy Trinity,
You are calling on us to seize this time of trial
as a time to choose what matters.
Help us to separate what is necessary from what is not;
help us get our lives back on track
with regard to you, Lord and others.¹
Make us stronger together. Forge bonds of unity.
Guide our efforts to rebuild, restore and renew our communities,
with patience, kindness and love,
for the benefit of our common home,
and the one humanity that You love so much.² Amen.

St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer
take under your prayerful protection
the people, animals and places that we commend to you;
those experiencing illness, poverty, disaster, injustice or violence.
Since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary,
show us that your goodness is as great as your power.³
St. Joseph, pray for us.

Inspired by prayers in ¹Dev, and Peace: Recovering Together ²FRATELLI TUTTI, and ³PATRIS CORDE

Year Two : Key Actions

Explore the value *Excellence for All*, connecting our faith to efforts towards mental, physical, spiritual well-being and success for all students.

Support our call to action as environmental stewards in our continued response to Laudato Si.

Enhance faith formation activities for stakeholders.

Explore equity, diversity and inclusion through the lens of the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations.

Build capacity in the area of digital citizenship through the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations.

Promote and enhance the implementation of Growing in Faith/Growing in Christ Grades 1-8.