

16 years of service!

The Rosary Apostolate



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I would like to take this opportunity to thank every principal and teacher, for your warm welcome and support given to members of the Rosary Apostolate! The Scholastic Year of 2011-12 has been a very good year! The Year 3 Cycle of Themes, concluding with the World Missionary Rosary and story of Our Lady of Guadalupe received raving reviews from both teachers and students!

Comments from Principals' Follow-up Report

They are all very dedicated and committed. We appreciate all of their time and effort in bringing the rosary program to our school.

St. Elizabeth Seton-Pickering: served 14 years!

Your generosity, your student management, wisdom and your spiritual message is excellent! Very loving – very organized, very efficient and effective!

D'Arcy McGee-Toronto: 13 years!

Always a feeling of calm, faithful energy from the volunteers. **Holy Cross-Barrie: 11 years!**

It is an absolute pleasure to welcome our Rosary Apostolate team to St. Victor on a monthly basis. Sincere thanks are extended to them for their commitment and dedication to sharing their love of the rosary with our students. **St. Victor-Scarborough: 10 years!**

They are wonderful role model of prayer and devotion to Our Lady, Mother Mary. They hosted a solemn Rosary Celebration that was very well organized. **Immaculate Conception-North York: 8 years!**

We feel entirely blessed by the gifts of time, wisdom and love that our entire school community receives. **St. Gabriel the Archangel-Barrie: served for 4 years!**

We are extremely pleased. The volunteers know how to engage young people in the praying of the rosary. The coronation of Mary is very well organized, student-

centered and meaningful. The volunteers are very courteous friendly and professional.

They have created an atmosphere of comfort and trust at our school. They are truly magnanimous! **San Lorenzo Ruiz - Markham: served for 3 years!**

Volunteers are very dedicated and have given our students an opportunity to learn more about their faith!

St. Jean Brebeuf-Brampton: 3 years!

I am very satisfied and very impressed with the dedication, perseverance and example of faith exemplified by all volunteers.

St. Richard-Mississauga: 2 years!



What Students are saying:

Praying the rosary as a class strengthened my faith in God. Prayer is a way to help us to get in touch with God and develop a deep connection with Him. In prayer we not only talk to God, but He communicates with us. Praying the rosary also strengthens our Catholic faith. It strengthens your inner faith and when you pray as a class, you can all pray together as one. After praying as a class you get more positive thinking, you will see the image of God in everyone. Praying the rosary helps you to understand God's deep and everlasting love for everyone. His everlasting love for us is very strong, so we know that God will always be there for us in the good times and the bad. That strengthens my faith in God because I know that He is always there, listening to my prayers. **Anna**

Over the past few months I have learned how to pray the whole rosary, I like it a lot because, I feel that Jesus and Mary are watching us pray. I know the whole Hail Mary by heart, that's the prayer I pray at night. This experience is so important because now that I know how to pray the whole rosary, I can teach others who don't know how. I think that it is very important that everyone knows how to pray the rosary. **Deanna**

The rosary gave me time to relax in the class, I could be with God and when we did it, I learned how to relax and love God better! Even better, my whole class got to experience the feeling too and they've been

acting better now. The rosary has really made a giant mark in heart and in my whole class. I love the rosary and hope it goes on for a while. **Anabelle**

Thank you for giving the time to share, for teaching us of God. Also I think without your help a lot of us wouldn't be involved in the rosary. Thank you for getting us involved in the rosary. You helped us understand the way of God. You made us more devoted to love all that was given. You cared enough about us to come to our school, and decorate our gum. We are so happy and thankful for having people who care. **Sophia**

A letter of appreciation:

Please accept this letter of appreciation for the volunteers of the Rosary Apostolate in the Schools. During the week of Catholic Education Week, we have had the Rosary Apostolate volunteers work with our students each day to prepare them for Our Lady of Guadalupe performance and The Living Rosary. The volunteers worked with over 80 of our students from various grades, and I have never seen more dedicated, caring, and compassionate group of individuals who are true examples of God's servant leaders. The volunteers have accomplished something that is invaluable. They have brought the Church, prayer, and gospel message to our staff, students, and parent community. On behalf of St. Raymond school, I wish to send my sincere appreciation to the many volunteers who have given up their time to bring prayer to our students. I look forward to working with the volunteers in my many years as principal with a Catholic School Board. May God's blessing and spirit continue to bless the many volunteers who gave their time for the students at St. Rymond...

Mr. Wayne Brunton, Principal

"A Rosary Moment" in my classroom:

We had some sad news at our school last week about a beloved staff member who is ill and who came into the school to be honoured in a ceremony we held last week with the students. My class, (particularly my boys) were quite upset after the ceremony as everyone had been crying and there was melancholy feel to the day. After lunch, one of my boys asked if we could go downstairs to the chapel and pray the rosary for this staff member. The class agreed unanimously and we went downstairs to have a very powerful and emotional rosary session. It was so reassuring to see these young people (grade 6) turn to their faith in a time of difficulty. I just wanted to share this remarkable moment with you to let you know that your efforts and dedication is truly noted and inspirational to our young people. Thank you. Sincerely, **Michelle Fobert**

