



Celebrating 20 Years of Service!

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With all my heart I want to thank every principal and teacher for your continued warm welcome and faithfulness to the Rosary Apostolate! The Jubilee Year of Mercy of 2015-16 truly was a gift from God opening the hearts of students to receive the mercy of God! The year culminated with a May Celebration in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The medals were received with so much enthusiasm by both staff and students!



Principals have said:

**Archdiocese
of TORONTO**

[Nativity of Our Lord C.E.S. – TCDSB](#)

[Etobicoke 1](#)

On behalf of the Nativity school community, I would like to inform you that we are very fortunate to have had the Rosary Apostolate at our school this year. The students, staff and I look forward to the monthly rosary with your prayer team. The parents are grateful, too. We hope that we can continue to have the Rosary Apostolate at our school. Thank you very much! May God bless you and your team and may our most gracious Mother Mary hold the Rosary Apostolate in her heart.

[St. Bruno C.E.S. – TCDSB](#)

[Toronto North](#)

Our students have become aware of the importance of prayer. They are actually expecting the Apostolate ladies every first Tuesday of the month. I believe we do not do enough of this in our schools. I would definitely want to continue the program.

[Blessed Trinity C.E.S. – TCDSB](#)

[North York 3](#)

The students have had their faith and religious experience strengthened. They have come to appreciate the story of Mary and her message to all of us.

[Sts. Cosmas and Damian C.E.S. - TCDSB](#) [North York South](#)

Students have learned to pray the Rosary very well under the guidance of the Rosary Apostolate. They have had the opportunity to pray as a community of faith within our school. Faith is the cornerstone of all that we do in our Catholic school. It is what unifies us. The rosary experience has strengthened our collective faith and has brought us closer to Jesus, Mary, God and our Catholic church.

[St. Gerald C.E.S. – TCDSB](#)

[Scarborough 3](#)

The Rosary Apostolate program has deeply touched our students as well as staff. Thank you for guiding us in prayer with our Mother Mary. The parents have expressed gratefulness for our participation in this program. The students have appreciated the opportunity for prayer and deep reflection. We have benefitted tremendously from this program.

[St. Barnabas C.E.S. - TCDSB](#)

[Scarborough 5](#)

Staff and students have given positive feedback. It is an important part of the spiritual and Catholic development at school. Students are more focused and centred after praying. It's an important part of our Catholic faith.

[St. Bonaventure C.E.S. - DPCDSB](#)

[Brampton 5](#)

Having the Rosary Apostolate program promotes the triad between school, parish and home. I think it is essential that our children experience the power of the rosary. Thank you for your service and the beautiful presentation, "The Story of the Miraculous Medal". We look forward to your involvement next year.

[St. Francis of Assisi C.E.S. – DPCDSB](#)

[Mississauga 1](#)

The Rosary Apostolate have done an outstanding job teaching our students the rosary prayers and mysteries. The students have witnessed their devotion to Mary as the Mother of God. This role modelling impresses upon the students the importance of prayer and thanksgiving. Feedback from staff and students is always positive and appreciative.

[St. Richard C.E.S. - DPCDSB](#) [Mississauga 2](#)

Our staff and students have had an increased devotion to Mary. They are really happy to have this program. We really appreciate the time that these volunteers spend with us and would like to thank them.

[John Cabot S.S. - DPCDSB](#) [Mississauga 5](#)

We have been blessed by the commitment and leadership of the Rosary Apostolate team. We appreciate how the Rosary Apostolate team are role models of faith, leading our Gr. 9 students to pray the rosary and understand our Catholic faith traditions.

[Our Lady of Good Voyage C.E.S. -](#)
[DPCDSB](#) [Mississauga 6](#)

Over the past 10 years, the OLV students and staff have been so blessed to have the Rosary Apostolate support their faith, through

teaching the rosary prayers and praying together each visit. The rosary visitors show great passion for supporting our young people in growing closer toward God and the Holy Family. We are truly grateful for their dedication and the faith enrichment they provide for our children, on behalf of St. Joseph Church. Thank you!

[St. Mark C.E.S. - DPCDSB](#)

[Mississauga 10](#)

The Rosary Apostolate program has enriched the faith life of our school community and brought an even more greater love for our Holy Mother. Staff, students and parents are thankful for this wonderful experience.

[St. Theresa C.E.S. - DCDSB - Whitby](#)

The Rosary Apostolate program is something that staff and students look forward to each month. There is nothing better than praying together each month with our wonderful volunteers. There is nothing but positive feedback from our staff and students. They are truly the best!

[St. Christopher C.E.S. - DCDSB Oshawa 2](#)

Many students have learned how to pray the rosary for the very first time. Also, they have learned and have a deeper understanding of how our Mother Mary can intercede on our behalf with Jesus. All feedback has been very positive.

[Blessed Pope John Paul II C.E.S. - DCDSB](#)
[Brooklin](#)

This program enriches the faith life of all staff and students. The students look forward to their time with the volunteers.

[St. Patrick C.E.S. - YCDSB - Markham 1](#)

Our Rosary Apostolate volunteers are welcomed by students and staff. They bring a great sense of spirituality to our students and enhance their prayer life greatly.

[Our Lady of Hope C.E.S. -](#)
[YCDSB](#)
[Richmond Hill](#)

We have been blessed to have such a committed, enthusiastic and faith-filled group of volunteers coming to our school so regularly. They definitely offered an opportunity for our school to learn the prayers of the rosary and reinforced those they already knew. It is a powerful devotion to our Mother Mary. Thank You!

[St. Clement C.E.S. -](#) [YCDSB](#) [Woodbridge 3](#)

The Rosary Apostolate program has been a wonderful dimension to our Catholic faith life for both students and staff. We look forward to their visits on the first of the month. The volunteers have a lovely rapport with all members of our school community. We look forward to their return next year.

[St. Gregory C.E.S. -](#) [YCDSB](#) [Woodbridge 4](#)

I could not ask for a better group of women who represent the Rosary Apostolate. The staff and students look forward to each month and their visits. I want to thank each and everyone of them for all that they do for St. Gregory. Your positive and spiritual support is greatly appreciated.

[St. Bernadette C.E.S. - SMCDSB](#)

[Barrie 1](#)

The Rosary Apostolate program is a fantastic program that allow students to learn the rosary in a positive way. Praying the rosary is a skill students can learn and carry forward throughout their lifetime. By having the R. A. in our school, it shows students that people of all ages pray! This is important for them to understand. It is important for them to understand that praying is for life! Our R.A. team is an incredible group of faith-filled people. It is so important for our students to see people praying with them and to realize that these people do this as volunteers. According to a student, the R. A. team is "nice, helpful in teaching us about God. They help people like new students who come from a public school learn about Jesus. They do it in a fun way that makes it exciting for us!"

[St. John Vianney C.E.S. - YCDSB](#)

[Barrie 2](#)

The service is very spiritual and is done extremely well. The ladies are very professional and great with the children.

Students have said:

What I like best about the Rosary Apostolate visit to my classroom is...

"...that it calms me down and that it gives me more time to think about God."

"...that I have a chance to pray with my friends; this is a rare opportunity that never happens aside from the Rosary Apostolate."

"...that we learn about saints. This is because I like learning about amazing people and all saints are fascinating!"

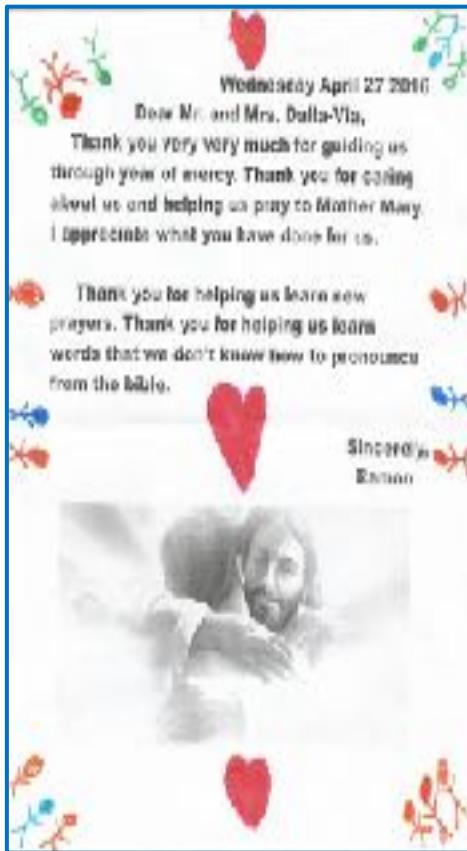
"I like the best the information we get between the prayers. It was fun to learn about the different things that the Bible had to show us."

"...they helped me understand the value of being a Christian and they made me have a stronger connection with God through prayer and thought. They increased my faith and made me happy."

"...is that when we are all praying together; we just feel like a close family because it is respect and faith and fullness."

"what I like best are the songs because it's so peaceful just singing along with them."

"... the short stories that were told before the rosary, because these are always interesting!"



"...that it gives us a chance to relieve our problems; when I am stressed about work, I can just relax and pray that things will get better."

"I like that after every Rosary Apostolate visit, you would go out for recess feeling good about yourself, because you're getting closer to God through prayer."

"My favourite part is they help us to bring us closer to God. They help us to pray when we start drifting away from our faith."

Peterborough Diocese

[St. Alphonsus C.E.S. – PVNCCDSB](#)

[Peterborough 4 \(Peterborough\)](#)

Excellent program! Teaching prayers and the value of prayer is a vital skill that can help many children into their adult lives.

[St. Martin C.E.S. - PVNCCDSB](#)

[Peterborough 6 \(Ennismore\)](#)

We have received positive feedback from family members who have seen the pictures of our Rosary celebration in our social media. They are very pleased with the extension of our religious teaching within the school. Our students' knowledge of the prayers has increased dramatically.

Diocese of Hamilton

[Mother Teresa C.E.S.- HCDSB Oakville 1](#)

Students have learned love and reverence for Mary, the Mother of God. They have learned to pray the rosary which constitutes an essential part of their Christian formation.

[St. John C.E.S. - HCDSB Oakville 2](#)

The monthly sessions have allowed for increased awareness of the Rosary, greater understanding of the Rosary, the purpose of prayer and history. They have given students something to look forward to as a way to express our faith. Volunteers are dedicated, reliable and a wonderful source of information and reflective prayer.

Diocese of London

[Sacred Heart C.E.S. - HPCDSB](#)

[Huron 1 \(Wingham\)](#)

Staff and students welcome this program. It enhances our faith-filled programs. The rosary leaders are well-organized, kind, spiritual and obliging. We thank you! Our students love the program and take pride in knowing the prayers.

[St. Boniface C.E.S. – HPCDSB](#)

[Huron 2 \(Zurich\)](#)

The students enjoy the Rosary Apostolate team coming to school. The team is a group of kind and caring women who understand student needs and teach the students with this in mind.

[St. Michael C.E.S.- St. Clair CDSB Sarnia 1](#)

We are truly blessed to have such faith-driven volunteers who model and teach the values defined by Jesus. We look forward to their annual leadership.

Diocese of St. Catherine's

[St. Andrew C.E.S. – NCDSB - Welland](#)

The students are able to recite the rosary with confidence. It is becoming more natural for them every year. There is a strong connection to church.

Archdiocese of Ottawa

[Corpus Christi C.E.S. – OCCDSB Ottawa](#)

Our students and staff love 'Rosary Days' when our friends from the Rosary Apostolate visit. The learning is a significant part of our faith and prayer life and it opens our hearts in many ways.

We also love having such committed volunteers visit us on such a regular basis. Our students also feel safe, respected and honoured by the volunteers.

Diocese of McKenzie Fort Smith

[Weledeh C.E.S. – YCDSB - Yellowknife, Northwest Territories](#)

Consistency of our students learning the Rosary, relationship between students and members. Enriched knowledge and modeling of prayer, faith, mentorship. Positive feedback from staff, students, and parents.