



23 Years of Service!

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On behalf of the Mother of God, I thank you for making your schools, ROSARY APOSTOLATE SCHOOLS!

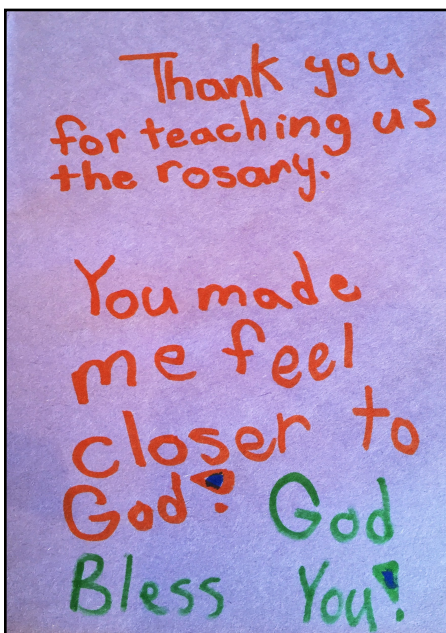
When we pray the Rosary, we go to the school of Mary, and she teaches us how to love Jesus!

The only way to learn to pray, is by praying, by forming good habits of daily prayer.

Prayer is: an expression of love. The contemplative dimension of the Rosary gives to students an opportunity to open their hearts and engage in a heart to heart talk with Jesus and Mary.

Thus, students experience a deepening of their relationship with Jesus and grow in their love for God!

Sr. Marilina Cinelli, C.P.
President



Archdiocese of Toronto

From Principals:

REGION: TORONTO NORTH ST. BRUNO/ST. RAYMOND, C.E.S - TCDSB

As a school community, we look forward to praying with our wonderful volunteers from the Rosary Apostolate. All the volunteers are dedicated, caring, and committed and we are truly BLESSED to continue, grow, and nourish our Catholic faith together! All our staff and students look forward to praying the Rosary together (as a school "FAMILY" community). We look forward and feel blessed to continue to pray together for many, many years to come. Thank you will all our hearts ROSARY APOSTOLATE VOLUNTEERS!



REGION: TORONTO NORTH OUR LADY OF VICTORY, C.E.S - TCDSB

Our students lack consistent religious support in their lives and this group demonstrates to them that consistent prayer is powerful. Many staff members mention their class' appreciation of Rosary visits, and as in past years, the May celebration was beautiful. The teachers commented on this specifically.

REGION: SCARBOROUGH 3 PRECIOUS BLOOD, C.E.S - TCDSB

The Rosary Apostolate program is a true gift to any school. I have received positive feedback from staff and students about how they enjoy the opportunity to pray the Rosary together as a class family. As a faith based school board our students benefit from such faith programs.



REGION: NORTH YORK 2 ST. CYRIL, C.E.S - TCDSB

We are grateful for the Rosary Apostolate's monthly visits and appreciate the time they take to pray with our students. Staff and students have noticed the calm, gentle approach that the Rosary Apostolate has brought to our school. The Rosary Apostolate volunteers model caring and generosity for our students.

REGION: NORTH YORK 3 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, C.E.S - TCDSB

Our school benefits greatly from the Rosary Apostolates. The children learn the grace of prayer from these wonderful ladies and the honour of serving Christ, our Lord. Our students enjoy the prayer experience and especially the "Mary" play that is put on by the children, as guided by the Rosary Apostolates.

REGION: PICKERING ST. WILFRID, C.E.S. - DCDSB

The students were taught stories from the Bible, prayers of the Rosary and teachings of the church. The team of volunteers were fantastic with our students and will be missed. Looking forward to seeing them again next year.



**REGION: BROOKLIN
ST. BRIDGET, C.E.S. - DCDSB**

The dedicated exemplary volunteers of the Rosary Apostolate support our faith formation goals as a Catholic school community. Our students reflect the attentive prayerfulness of the volunteers. Our students' excellent behaviour in liturgical settings such as Mass and their devotion displayed while praying is wonderful feedback to see. Thank you for sharing/leading the Rosary at the students' level.

**REGION: BARRIE 1
GOOD SHEPHERD, C.E.S.
- SMCDsb**

The Rosary Apostolate has brought another "depth" to our faith. Their presence and devotion is a model for our students. They provide students with a deeper prayer life. The volunteers are caring and inviting. Students are treated with respect and encouraged to make God a part of their every day life.



**REGION: BARRIE 1
ST. MONICA, C.E.S. - SMCDsb**

It has greatly unified all of our students through prayer. The staff has welcomed the Rosary Apostolate with open arms and looked forward to the monthly visits. The level of engagement of both staff and students is a testament to the good work. The ladies who came in are all so special. They came with a blessed attitude, a smile and deep faith. We are so thankful to have them in our school. Good job ladies! God bless!



**REGION: BARRIE 1
ST. NICHOLAS, C.E.S.
- SMCDsb**

For many of the children the reality is that the Rosary Apostolate along with the school are the only "faith" and "catechism" lessons and journey the children experience - wonderful experience and modelling for our students.

- Calming time of the day
- Very meditative
- Excellent reinforcement from an "outside" agency (so to speak) of the Religious education lessons done by our teachers

**REGION: WOODBRIDGE 3
ST. CLEMENT, C.E.S. - YCDSB**

The program unites the class/all students in prayer. It teaches the Religious fundamentals and also gives the students the historical significance of our faith.

Well-organized.
Lovely volunteers.

**REGION: WOODBRIDGE 4
ST. CLARE, C.E.S. - YCDSB**

The ladies have done an excellent job teaching my students about the Rosary and its importance. Teachers are all delighted and welcome team always.



**REGION: MARKHAM 1
SIR RICHARD W. SCOTT, C.E.S.
- YCDSB**

Each year the Rosary Apostolate bring awareness to the devotion of Mary. Gives students the opportunity to experience God's presence in prayer and maintain a relationship with Mary, the Mother of God. A few staff members and some students have commented that they find their time once per month with a volunteer from the Rosary Apostolate soothing, peaceful, and prayerful.



**REGION: MARKHAM 2
ST. BENEDICT, C.E.S. - YCDSB**

The program is a wonderful connection to the parish. The children learn about reciting the Rosary and how it brings us closer to Mother Mary. The students enjoy the visits and listening to the stories.

**REGION: BRAMPTON 4
ST. JEAN MARIE VIANNEY,
C.E.S. - DPCDSB**

Having the Rosary Apostolate provides not only a connection to our school parish but brings the action of praying the Rosary into the lives of our students. We so enjoy having the volunteers come and interact, teach and pray with our students and hope to continue their involvement in future years.

**REGION: MISSISSAUGA 3
ST. SEBASTIAN, C.E.S.
- DPCDSB**

The Apostolate inspire our students to love God with the love of Mary's heart by giving them the opportunity to experience God's presence in prayer and establishing a relationship with God and Mary.



**REGION: MISSISSAUGA 5
ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA,
C.E.S. - DPCDSB**

The students have enjoyed praying the Rosary and look forward to the visits with the volunteers. My kindergartens love when they see the volunteers and even the Grade 5/6 class asked if they can pray the Rosary on additional days during the month.

**REGION: MISSISSAUGA 7
SAN LORENZO RUIZ, C.E.S.
- DPCDSB**

The Rosary Apostolate has put our students in touch with one of the most precious traditions of the Catholic faith. We are indebted to you for keeping this tradition alive in the hearts of our young people. Thank you for putting our Grade 2 students into roles where they could demonstrate leadership and be successful. Thank you for honouring the diverse traditions of our school.

**REGION: MISSISSAUGA 10
ST. CLARE, C.E.S. - DPCDSB**

Students benefit from the opportunity to develop their faith, learn how to pray the Rosary. Develops their appreciation and understanding of the importance of prayer in our daily lives. Exposure to faith-filled role models who give their time to our community. Student and staff feedback is very positive. Great opportunity to be more reflective and prayerful. A wonderful group of volunteers. Thank you!



**Diocese of
St. Catharine's**

**REGION: WELLAND 1
ST. ANDREW, C.E.S. - NCDSB**

Embraces faith life of our school. Provides excellent role models to our students. Great support of our students at Mass - Confirmation and Holy Communion school Masses.

**REGION: WELLAND 1
ST. MARY, C.E.S. - NCDSB**

The students witness faith in action. Volunteers were caring and compassionate with our students and provided an opportunity to pray and reflect which may not occur outside of the school with adults in their lives.

- very polite and respectful with staff and students
- students look forward to monthly visits as well as the May Celebration.

**REGION: WELLAND 2
HOLY NAME, C.E.S. - NCDSB**

The students and staff were always excited to learn from the volunteers. Each visit was well planned and gave the students time to pray. The final visit was a beautiful celebration of the Rosary and the whole school community was very blessed to have taken part.



Archdiocese of Ottawa

**REGION: OTTAWA
ST. GEMMA, C.E.S. - OCDSB**

I feel a program like this brings the school community much closer... more importantly it brings our spiritual community together - it makes for a very positive environment. Both staff and students enjoyed the visits. Always great when we can pray as a community.

**REGION: OTTAWA
OUR LADY OF FATIMA, C.E.S.
- OCDSB**

- great connection with students between church and school
- Great encouragement for the students to live with dignity as Christians
- Promoting peace, justice, sacredness of human life
- provided/adapted well to each grade level
- Students loved the "tactile" take home visuals/rosaries
- Students loved/enjoyed learning the history of the saints throughout special times / seasons

**REGION: OTTAWA
ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE, C.E.S.
- OCDSB**

The program has brought the praying of the Rosary and understanding its significance to our community. Many staff and students enjoy the visits and look forward to our prayer leaders joining us.

Diocese of McKenzie Fort Smith

REGION: YELLOWKNIFE WELEDEH, C.E.S. YCDSB

Students have become more familiar with the Rosary, students are comfortable working with elders in the church and school, and the children are able to talk about it at home. It has been a positive activity in school.



From Students:

"When I pray the Rosary, it helps me by clearing my mind of all the things that are troubling me."

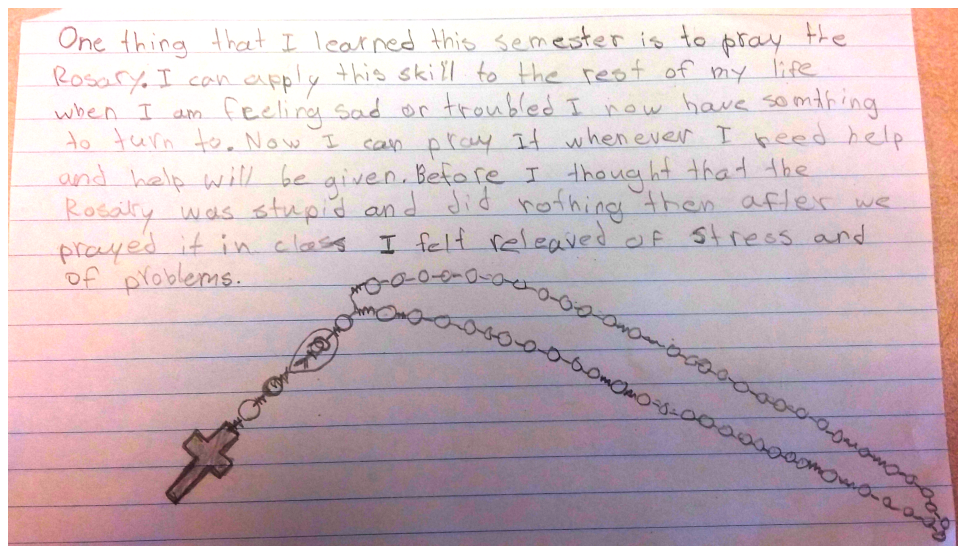
"It makes me feel happy and special."

"It helps me focus a bit more when I pray. I can focus and I am not thinking about all the other things I was."



"Participating in the Rosary and performance makes me feel good and special because during the Rosary I feel good that I'm praying to God and thanking Him and I feel special about the performance because they picked us out of a lot of classes in this school."

"I like praying the Rosary because I love Mother Mary and the Rosary lets me speak to her."



"Participating in the Rosary makes me feel happy. Also, closer to God. When I pray I feel the worries go away."

"I would just like to take the opportunity to tell you how wonderful it has been to have you in our classroom. It has been an absolute pleasure to have you in our class once a month to say the Rosary with my class of 26 grade 4 and 5's. You should know that I do have a couple students in my class who have learning disabilities and rarely speak out or participate in class. The most amazing thing is that these students always participated in the prayers and actually memorized the prayers of the Rosary! Isn't that amazing and wonderful? We have an ongoing religion journal in our class and many students have written about how much they love saying the Rosary as a class."

So I just wanted to let you know what an impact you and your program has made in my class and what a gift they have been given for now they have the ability to say the Rosary for life."

See you in May and May God be with you,

Grade 4/5 Student



"One thing that I learned this semester is to pray the Rosary. I can apply this skill to the rest of my life. When I am feeling sad or troubled, I now have something to turn to. Now I can pray it whenever I need help and help will be given. Before I thought that the Rosary was stupid and did nothing then after we prayed it in class, I felt relieved of stress and of problems."

What Students say about Rosary Visitors:

"They make me feel better about my faith."

Grade 7 student

"They help explain things in a kind and friendly way."

Grade 7 student

"They prayed for my uncle John."

Grade 7 student

"They helped me learn more about God and Mary."

Grade 5 student

