



24 Years of Service!

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

Scholastic year 2019-2020 took us all by surprise... no one expected a lockdown. We were saddened that we were not able to conduct our Miraculous Medal May Celebration. Now more than ever, children need the comfort of the loving Hearts of Jesus and Mary and the peace that comes from praying the Rosary... so we will faithfully continue to offer our services through virtual live-streaming into the schools wherever possible.

We pray that the Blessed Virgin Mary will spread her powerful mantle of protection over all our schools.

Sr. Marilina Cinelli, C.P.
President

From Principals:

Archdiocese of Toronto

REGION: ETOBICOKE 2 **ST. LOUIS C.E.S. - TCDSB**

Over the past 5-6 years, the St. Louis students and staff looked forward to the Rosary Apostolate supporting their faith, through teaching the Rosary prayers and praying together. The Rosary Apostolate 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!

REGION: NORTH YORK 2 **ST. PASCHAL BAYLON C.E.S. - TCDSB**

Whenever the students have an opportunity to explore their faith and pray as a group, it strengthens the students' connection to the Lord. The students have told their teachers they enjoy praying the Rosary. It makes them feel closer to their faith and allows them to feel that someone is listening to their fears.

REGION: NORTH YORK 3 **EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD - TCDSB**

The Rosary Apostolate provides a very valuable opportunity for students and staff to come together in prayer, strengthen their faith, and pray an important prayer of our Catholic faith. Also, having volunteers from outside the school coming to pray the Rosary, helps to further strengthen the connection between the church and the school, and helps students practice being welcoming, respectful, and polite individuals. Students and staff are very appreciative of the Rosary Apostolate members giving of their time to come to the school to provide this wonderful opportunity for the school community. The Rosary Apostolate members are friendly, caring and very devoted to their service. We truly enjoy and appreciate having the members in our school, and we thank them for all their great effort.

REGION: NORTH YORK 5 **ST. THOMAS AQUINAS C.E.S. - TCDSB**

This program has continued to build and create valuable faith-based learning opportunities for our students. It helps to continue to enhance and enrich our community of faith at St. Thomas Aquinas. Staff and students are always pleased with the volunteers and the program. Fe and her group are wonderful, kind, and provide a great experience for our school.

REGION: SCARBOROUGH 1 **ST. SYLVESTER C.E.S. - TCDSB**

Students have the opportunity to pray as a classroom in a special way. Staff have been very positive with many comments about Karen in particular.

REGION: SCARBOROUGH S. EAST **ST. JOACHIM C.E.S. - TCDSB**

It is great to have them pray monthly with their friends. Our teachers cannot believe how well-behaved the majority of the stu-



**TCDSB present at
 Grand Cinnamon Banquet
 November 17, 2019**

dents are. I think that feedback tells you they are listening and participating.

REGION: SCARBOROUGH 2 **PRINCE OF PEACE C.E.S. - TCDSB**

Students have taken this time of prayer to reflect upon their daily interactions with each other and to understand the power prayer has in their daily lives. Staff and students enjoy the Apostolate visits. Their patience and positive interactions with students have been a blessing.

REGION: SCARBOROUGH S. EAST **ST. LAWRENCE C.E.S. - TCDSB**

The Rosary Apostolate is a great way to bring children together to pray the Rosary. It teaches them about our Mother Mary and how much she loved her Son Jesus. It also reminds children that is our Mother too and that we can also turn to her in times of need. It is a great way for students to reflect on their faith journey and to make time during the school day to pray as a school community. Students look forward to praying the Rosary with their class. They like to learn about the Mysteries. They also like to have the Rosary in their hands.

REGION: SCARBOROUGH 3 WEST **ANNUNCIATION C.E.S. - TCDSB**

I think it is very important that our children learn the importance and spiritual benefits of praying the Rosary. Learning to take a few moments to clear our heads and focus on the spiritual guidance does so much for our mental health. Thank you. The ladies who visit us each month are lovely people who enjoy working with the children. They are kind and considerate and recognize that the students are still children.

**REGION: SCARBOROUGH 3 WEST
ST. GERALD C.E.S. - TCDSB**

The volunteers are excellent and the students look forward to them and saying the Rosary. The program brings so much needed peace and love into the school. Also, it complements the Religion curriculum expectations. It is a necessary program that we cherish. Everyone loves the volunteers. They are part of our school family.

**REGION: SCARBOROUGH 3 EAST
ST. NICHOLAS C.E.S. - TCDSB**

Both students and staff alike look forward to the Rosary Apostolate visits. Students are eager to pray together and learn about the life of our Mother, Mary. Our students and staff have a deeper connection to our faith because of the Rosary Apostolates' guidance. Our Rosary Apostolate volunteers are a blessing to our school. We feel extremely grateful for their time and commitment.

**REGION: SCARBOROUGH 5
ST. BEDE C.E.S. - TCDSB**

- instills Catholic faith among our students
- gives them another form of prayer
- teaches students about the power of prayer
- has a calming effect on students
- helps them heal with negative events in life
- teaches them to pray for the world, self
- helps with dealing with grief

**REGION: BROOKLIN
ST. LEO THE GREAT C.E.S. - DCDSB**

We appreciate the extra connection to our parish community and the additional faith perspective that is provided and that supplements our regular curriculum.

**REGION: BROOKLIN
ST. JOHN PAUL II C.E.S. - DCDSB**

Many of our students look forward to the sense of peace and calm that they feel when the Apostolates arrive in their class-



rooms... They (students) show proper reverence with the rosaries they have been given and speak to their families about the calm they feel after praying.

**REGION: OSHAWA 2
ST. CHRISTOPHER C.E.S. - DCDSB**

Bringing the Rosary Apostolate into our school has deepened our students' connection to their faith through praying of the Rosary. Staff and students are appreciative and hope that this program can continue into the next school year.

**REGION: OSHAWA 2
ST. HEDWIG C.E.S. - DCDSB**

The presenters are positive role models to our students. The presenters help to answer any questions that the students have to deepen their understanding. The program is geared to the students' age and understanding making it a valuable experience for the children at our school.

**REGION: PICKERING
ST. ELIZABETH SETON C.E.S.
- DCDSB**

The Apostolate has supported Educators in the important work of fostering more love for Mary. They have helped our students learn the Rosary as well as the Mysteries of the Rosary. They have provided, on a monthly basis, a reminder of how important it is to pray as a community of faith. For some of our students, learning with somebody who is older than their teachers or parents is a new experience. This has fostered more respect for the abilities that all people have. Staff commented on how kind and patient the Volunteers were, that students did not feel judged if they forgot the words to a prayer or needed extra instruction. The Volunteers were punctual and followed their visiting schedule closely.

**REGION: PICKERING
ST. MONICA C.E.S. - DCDSB**

The students have a very close relationship with Mary because of the opportunities that the Rosary Apostolates provide the students. Staff and students look forward to the monthly visits from the Rosary Apostolates.

**REGION: WHITBY 1
ST. PAUL C.E.S. - DCDSB**

The connection the students have to this beautiful prayerful practice links them to a Catholic tradition that builds their ability to feel connected to our Blessed Mother. The feeling of being loved and of honouring our Holy Mother is a sacred tradition that is brought to children through these wonderful volunteers. The students find the time peaceful and the connection to



**Directors of Education of
DPCDSB at Millennium Gardens
Banquet September 8, 2019**

their faith reminds them they are part of a community of believers.

**REGION: PALGRAVE
ST. JOHN PAUL II C.E.S. - DPCDSB**

The program blends well with our Virtues program and brings to life our Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations... Students enjoy the year-end celebration!

**REGION: BRAMPTON 2
LESTER B. PEARSON C.E.S.- DPCDSB**

It is a treasured activity to have the Rosary Apostolate program, as many of our staff and students may not have the opportunity to experience the importance and reverence of the Rosary at home. It is a program that is valued and necessary to help our students live out their faith. The staff and students enjoyed saying the Rosary with the Apostolates. In fact, our staff started a Rosary Club and we had, sometimes, over 100 students attend at recess. The students feel closer to God when they say the Rosary.

**REGION: BRAMPTON 5
ST. BONAVENTURE C.E.S. - DPCDSB**

The visibility of our Rosary Apostolates is essential to promoting and sustaining our Catholic identity...Students are familiar and comfortable with our Rosary Apostolate staff, and will continue to welcome their kind and prayerful ways. Thank you for all that you do.

**REGION: BRAMPTON 6
GOOD SHEPHERD C.E.S. - DPCDSB**

Our school has identified very specific growth goals in our Pastoral plan that reference student learning and growth in the area of personal faith life including relationship with Jesus, increased knowledge of scripture, and enhanced prayer life. The once a month visits to classes by the Rosary Apostolate members through a focus on praying the Rosary is

an important learning experience for our students in these areas...Feedback from staff is always positive, feedback shared reference the cheerfulness, passion, and encouraging nature with the students. The students formed connections with the assigned members and would miss them if they were absent. This speaks to the ability of the Rosary Apostolate members to form meaningful connections and relationships with the students while doing this important work.

REGION: BRAMPTON 7
ST. LEONARD C.E.S. - DPCDSB

Students feel special using their own rosary and are able to take what they have learned into the home and to pray with their families. We recently turned to saying a community Rosary at a designated date and time throughout this isolation period and in response to both the passing of a staff member at the beginning of the year and to the recent fire at our school. It was comforting, familiar and we were able to ask our students to take the lead with their families.

REGION: MISSISSAUGA 2
ST. ALBERT OF JERUSALEM C.E.S.



- DPCDSB

We saw an increase in students engaged in prayer. It was also great for building our Catholic Community. The volunteers were always present to support the students. We

like the rosary pouches.

REGION: MISSISSAUGA 6
ST. JOSEPH C.H.S. - DPCDSB

This is a beautiful introduction to prayer and our Blessed Mother, especially for our Grade 9 students. Giving each class an opportunity to be exposed has been meaningful. This has been a springboard to weekly Rosaries and in the case of our digital chaplaincy, daily Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

REGION: MISSISSAUGA 6
ST. HERBERT C.E.S. - DPCDSB

Our students were able to study and deeply understand the meaning and importance of the Rosary through age-appropriate instruction. The staff appreciate

the professionalism and dedication of the volunteers. Students are happy to learn about the Rosary and the power of prayer.

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

The volunteers taught our students how to pray the Rosary, what the prayers mean, the significance, and brought a prayerful, peaceful feel to the day. Staff loved having another voice teach students about the significance of prayer, students loved learning and sharing it with their families.

REGION: MISSISSAUGA 11
HOLY CROSS C.E.S. - DPCDSB

Praying the Rosary regularly encourages all of our classes and the school to be present and slow down. It promotes a sense of well-being and strengthens our community of faith...On many occasions we have had parents share that their children go home and ask to pray the Rosary with their parents. Our staff love having the volunteers in the school. They believe the ladies demonstrate a commitment to prayer and God in a positive manner. On one occasion I had a young primary student ask if one of the volunteers was Mary's mother.

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

It has really empowered our students to know that, as a community, we pray together. The staff look forward to the Apostolate visits as a way to embed prayer into their routines. The lessons are always so engaging and students seem so much better after the visits. St. Monica's Rosary Apostolate has been instrumental in creating and maintaining a connection between our school and our Blessed Mother. Their example of dedication to praying the Rosary and to our faith development is something for which we should all be grateful.

REGION: BARRIE 1
ST. JOHN VIANNEY C.E.S. - SMCDsb

They help our students and staff explore their faith more fully and develop the special prayerful relationship with our Holy Mother. The Rosary Apostolate is always a welcome visit to our classrooms.



SMCDsb & TCDSB present at Julius Banquet October 27,

REGION: BRADFORD
ST. CHARLES C.E.S. - SMCDsb

In regards to working with our Kinders, they were always so patient, engaging, and the kids really looked forward to days when they visited...I think the Rosary program for Kindergarten is developmentally appropriate. I like how they use puppets, songs and pictures to engage the children. The songs are simple and often rhyme so the students catch on easily!

REGION: BRADFORD
ST. Teresa of Calcutta C.E.S.- SMCDsb

The staff and students look forward to the Rosary Apostolate visits. They are dedicated people who are passionate about teaching our students about the importance of prayer and the Rosary. Our students have been blessed to have these individuals in our school. They have learned the importance of prayer. I had one student who was new to our school ask me when the "Rosary people" were coming to MTB because they really like praying with them. This is evidence that the Rosary Apostolate has made an impression on so many students in our school. Also, I have received positive feedback from our families. their children go home telling their parents what they have learned from the Rosary Apostolate.

REGION: PALGRAVE
FR. FX O'REILLY C.E.S. - SMCDsb

The Rosary Apostolate program and its volunteers have brought forth an additional gift of faith-filled learning and reflection to the students and staff of FFX. The Rosary Apostolate continues to strengthen our faith within our school community and continues to connect to our faith-filled learning within our classes on a daily basis. The staff of FFX appreciate the commitment and knowledge of all Rosary Apostolate volunteers and the time that they give to our school on an ongoing basis each and every year.

REGION: PALGRAVE
MONSIGNOR RONAN C.E.S.- SMCDSE
Enriched the Faith development of our Staff & Students. Appreciation for the age-appropriate formats offered.

REGION: WASAGA BEACH
ST. MARY C.E.S. - SMCDSE
It is so important to support the faith journey of our students. Thanks so much!

REGION: MAPLE
ST. DAVID C.E.S. - YCDSB
Strengthened student relationship with God. Deepened understanding of the Mysteries. Enforced the collaborative community of faith through group prayer. Staff and students look forward to the ministers' visit. Staff unanimously agreed that they want the Rosary Apostolate to continue at St. David.

REGION: MARKHAM 1
ST. PATRICK C.E.S. - YCDSB
Our prayer life has been enriched greatly by their presence. We feel a stronger connection to our Church and an appreciation of the Rosary. We have learned about prayers and the mysteries associated with the Rosary. The staff and students were very grateful to the Rosary Apostolate for fostering faith and prayer in our school. We are thankful to the dedication of the volunteers. We look forward to welcoming the Rosary Apostolate to our school when it is safe to do so. God Bless our Rosary Apostolate for their goodness and devotion.

REGION: RICHMOND HILL
OUR LADY OF HOPE C.E.S. - YCDSB
The volunteers and student volunteers are amazing role models of faith for the students. Staff and students enjoy having them monthly. Staff really enjoys the full gym experience of praying the Rosary too!

REGION: THORNHILL
ST. JOSEPH C.E.S. - YCDSB
This program really helps us connect with the Church Community and the year-end celebration in May is a nice time for the school to come together. The Rosary Apostolate also encouraged us to have a Rosary club at school. The students in kindergarten class looked forward to our Rosary Apostolate visiting, praying the Rosary, sharing stories about Mother Mary and her life, and singing about Mother Mary's love for us. They helped the students establish a positive prayer



experience and relationship with Mother Mary. They made Mother Mary's love for God and her son Jesus, and her compassion for all people understandable and relatable to the students.

REGION: THORNHILL
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY C.E.S. - YCDSB
Teachers really appreciate that they can integrate the Rosary Apostolate visits with their religious education programs. Students demonstrate an improved understanding of the importance of prayer thanks largely to the patience and kindness of the volunteers.

REGION: WOODBRIDGE 2
ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL C.E.S. - YCDSB
Our school has a better understanding of how to pray the Rosary and why it is important to do so. The program has provided us with wonderful role models who demonstrate through their devotion how this adds to one's spiritual and prayer life. Staff and students look forward to these visits and having this program enhances the school community's sense of Catholicity as well as devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary.

REGION: WOODBRIDGE 4
ST. CLARE OF ASSISI C.E.S. - YCDSB
I believe that the Rosary Apostolate program brings peace and reverence into our school. It nurtures an awareness of the presence of Mary and Jesus. It offers us healing and brings the school community together...They always bring a sense of calm and really offer us an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with God.



Archdiocese of Ottawa

REGION: OTTAWA
ST. JOHN XXIII, C.E.S. - OCDSB
It has brought my students to prayer. It has taught them about the life of Jesus and Mary through the mysteries. It has helped them to pray for one another. I have no doubt that it has brought them grace from God. The staff are always pleased to have the volunteers in their classroom.

REGION: OTTAWA
Our Lady of Fatima, C.E.S. - OCDSB
Touches students' valuable traditions of the Catholic faith. It has always been a pleasant and joyful experience for staff and students.

REGION: OTTAWA
Holy Cross, C.E.S. - OCDSB
Staff and students look forward to the days that the Rosary Apostolate visit. Our staff find that having the time to pray with the students builds relationship and respect. Further, when our students have the opportunity to stop and take out their rosaries, they learn to make it a part of their lives. It is difficult to quantify how the Rosary Apostolate benefited our school given the many good things that come from each visit. The gentle and passionate love for our Blessed Mother that each volunteer brings to us each month is so authentic that our students cannot help but respond to and reflect that love. As the students get older, they become acutely aware that these lovely people share the Rosary because it is their ministry. This is different than when teachers teach from our Religion Curriculum. It is faith in action.

REGION: OTTAWA
ST. GREGORY, C.E.S. - OCDSB
A means to connect as a classroom community. Enhances the spiritual dimension of our Religion program.





Diocese of St. Catharine's

REGION: WELLAND 1

ST. ANDREW C.E.S. - NCDSB

Our faith life is enhanced by having these faith-filled adults be positive role models for our students. Staff and students appreciate the program and support. They support our school community through prayer and active participation.

REGION: WELLAND 1

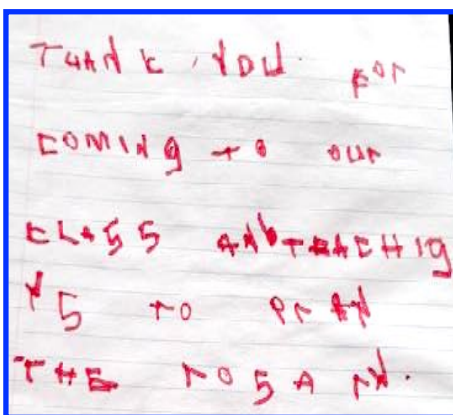
ST. MARY'S C.E.S. - NCDSB

Our students benefit from the Rosary Apostolate program in so many ways. For some, to be honest, most students, school is their only exposure to faith. The volunteers go out of their way to impart the importance of our faith on to our students.

REGION: WELLAND 1

HOLY NAME C.E.S. - NCDSB

Holy Name has been truly blessed by having the Rosary Apostolate Program! The program is amazing and the volunteers are knowledgeable, passionate, friendly, and understanding. It has added a beautiful addition to our religion programs and our daily school life. There is a love of the Rosary Apostolate program and volunteers, shown by both staff and students. The excitement from both staff and students on the Rosary Apostolate days is truly palpable in the building. We cannot imagine Holy Name without this wonderful program.



From Students:

"The Rosary Apostolates have played a huge part in helping us grow in our faith. They taught us that we do not only need to pray formal scripted prayers, but we can tell God how our day was and treat Him as a friend. They inspire us to think of Mary as our Mother and encourage us to pray every day. My experience with the Apostolate was amazing; it helped me form a new relationship with Mother Mary and her son Jesus. Their teachings will always be an inspiration in my life. Thank you Rosary Apostolate for volunteering your time to help us with our spiritual journey."

"I think the Rosary was nice to have at school. I liked it because it was a nice time to relax, pray and think about my day. I learned a lot from the Rosary. I got to learn about all the mysteries and actually found out what they mean. I got deeper into my faith by doing the Rosary in class and learned things I hadn't known before. It was nice to say the Rosary with the class and I had an amazing learning experience."

"Dear Rosary Ladies,
Thank you to each and every Rosary Apostolate leader who came to our school every month to teach us about Mother Mary and pray the Rosary with us. Thank you for the special rosary you gave me. I keep it safe and use it to pray the Rosary with my family. We continue to pray the Rosary at home and love Mother Mary so much.
Have a good day!"



"Personally, I did enjoy doing the Rosary. I think it opened my eyes to learning more about my faith and religion. It really helped me understand the things that Jesus did for us. I think before I did this I didn't know much about my faith but now I know way more. It took me on a journey and I think it was a very knowledgeable experience. Coming into this, I never knew that there were 4 (sets of) mysteries and that they all meant so much. After doing this, I have learned a lot about the Rosary and have practically memorized it. Another thing that I learned was that there were so many prayers and songs while praying the Rosary. Although I don't sing, I thought it was kind of interesting tying music into it as well. I do feel that I have come closer to God by doing this and it has also benefited me in many ways. For example, it can always reassure me in unsteady times. One time, I was at a friend's house, and we saw an ambulance go by to her neighbour's house. We got quite nervous because we didn't want anyone to get hurt, so we started praying the Rosary. Luckily the person was not hurt. I think that the Rosary helped reassure us that they were going to be okay. I feel that praying is just such a powerful thing and it can change people in so many ways. I'm truly glad that I did get the chance to participate in the Rosary and I think I most definitely learned a lot from it."

