



25 Years of Service!

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In the midst of much anxiety and fears, praying the Rosary restores peace in us.

When facing a tomorrow with many unknowns, praying the Rosary reminds us we are not alone, Jesus and Mary are with us every step of the way and will help us.

As confusion seems to fill our world all around us, praying the Rosary helps us to look up to the heavens, and brings clarity to our faith rooted - in God the Almighty.

In sickness and in sorrow, praying with trust gives us hope that our prayers will be answered.

The Mother of God, never abandons her children, especially in their time of most need.

Scholastic year 2020-2021 continued to be a challenge... we continued to offer a virtual Rosary live streamed in schools where ever volunteers were physically able to do this.

We provided Rosary Videos on YouTube for the schools, where volunteers were not able to pray virtually with classrooms.

We continue to offer up our daily prayers for all the staff and students and their families. May the Blessed Virgin Mary spread her powerful mantle of protection over all our schools and all their families.

Heartfelt Gratitude to all Schools for 25 years of joy to pray with your schools!

Sr. Marilina Cinelli, C.P.
President

Principal Feedback:

REGION: TORONTO NORTH ST. Bruno/St. Raymond C.E.S. - TCDSB

TCDSB partnership with the Rosary Apostolate has been an enriching spiritual experience that continues to help us grow in our faith, prayer life and with in our school community. Praying the Rosary helps us to come together as a community / family.

- * Excellent meditations and prayers.
- * helps us to stop our busy daily activities and pray for our families, friends and those in need.
- * helps centre our lives on God and all that we are given.
- * Reflective and prayerful.
- * Loredana Sposato

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

As we continue to navigate during these challenging times, we continue to be blessed gathering as a Catholic Community in prayer celebrating our Faith and deepening our understanding of the Rosary. It has been a pleasure having both Anne and Lynnette lead our students and staff in prayer. Using the Zoom Platform was very successful. Followed by this, we also had the opportunity to engage in prayer with the pre recorded videos that were shared. Once again, this was extremely successful, having student leaders in faith be a part in these videos was a very positive experience for our students. Student voice and led videos has been a great additional experience for our students and the feedback both from students and staff has been very positive and welcomed.

Students and staff continue to engage in prayer as this time continues to offer them time and space where they pray, giving thanks, praise and sharing any special intentions they may have especially during these unprecedented times. I continue to offer both our students and staff as a Catholic leader the time and space to reflect and share their thoughts as leaders in faith. This continues to be their time with our Lord and find peace and strength supporting their spiritual and mental being.

Students have enjoyed listening to students that are speaking in the videos and continue to learn and growth in their faith development.

Barbara Capano

StClare @StClareDP · Mar 3

Thank you @TheRosaryApostle for praying the rosary with us this morning and teaching us about the first Sorrowful Mystery-The Agony of Christ in the Garden.



REGION: TORONTO NORTH STELLA MARIS C.E.S. - TCDSB

Teaches children the importance of prayer as well as how to pray the Rosary. With Covid, we appreciate the YouTube videos.

Elisa Arciero

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

During the shutdown it was so beneficial for the students to continue with their prayers in a meaningful faith-based way. We needed prayers more than ever! It was also so important for our students understanding of the Rosary, Mary and the prayers to be enhanced. Students and staff agreed that praying the rosary helped calm them and focus on what we have instead of what we don't have.

Laurienne Graham

REGION: NORTH YORK 4 ST. ANSELM C.E.S. - TCDSB

This year, the school did not fully participate in the program and therefore I am unable to complete this report.

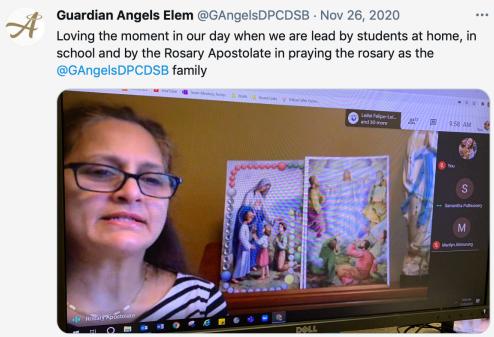
I would like to say that I have always been pleased with the program. The staff and volunteers have always done an exceptional job praying the rosary with the children. It has always been a welcomed addition to our program offering at St. Anselm and I hope to have the program continue in the fall of 2021.

Thanks, Donato Di Paolo

REGION: NORTH YORK 4 ST. JOHN XXIII C.E.S. - TCDSB

They had good visuals and the use of children was good for the students. It was nice to see the diversity of the students used in the videos as well. This year it was a very useful program to continue our student's connectivity to their faith practices especially since we were unable to do our monthly in person masses.

Pershia Nelson



REGION: NORTH YORK 4 ST. BONAVENTURE C.E.S. - TCDSB

Looked forward to praying as a school – with multiple classes, students prayed the rosary, intercessions to our Blessed Mother were highlighted, the Rosary as a prayer was given its importance.

The fervour and devotion of our volunteers is contagious. Staff felt supported to recite the rosary led by our volunteers. Students looked forward and knew the importance of this program.

YOUTUBES:

- appropriate for the students grade level
- Good visuals for the students to look at and reflect.
- the link being sent each month as a reminder of a new video, month and time appropriate.

Thank you for all you do to plan. We are happy of the approach, planning and execution. We are grateful for our Rosary volunteers.

Caroline D'souza

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

The school comes together as a community of believers to pray the Rosary. Also, the Rosary Apostolates inspire our children and youth to love God by giving them the opportunity to experience God's presence in prayer and establishes a relationship with God and Mary. We are looking forward to welcoming our Rosary Apostolate's this coming fall (2021) We appreciate all of your time and effort in bringing the Rosary program virtually.

With much gratitude. XO

Nancy Barillaro

REGION: NORTH YORK 5 ST. Fidelis C.E.S. - TCDSB

We have been able to continue to learn and grow in our faith with the support of our Rosary apostolate volunteers and their commitment to the Blessed Virgin. Our students and staff all feel a sense of belonging and community when we pray together. Our students, staff and their families always look forward to praying together. Praying together during this

school closure had really been very special. Despite all that has been happening in the world this time together connects us all in a special way. Our devotion to Mother Mary has helped us get through this difficult time.

Mackie Coluccio

REGION: NORTH YORK 5 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION C.E.S. - TCDSB

Students and staff have grown in their faith and love of Our Blessed Mother. Teachers have enjoyed the videos and said they were creative and very good.

REGION: SCARBOROUGH S. EAST ST. AGATHA C.E.S. - TCDSB

The teachers preferred the monthly YouTube videos, so that they could view with their students in their own preferred time. Teachers were able to choose the time and the day they would do the videos. Teachers were able to supplement their Religion Programs and also teach the students how to pray the Rosary.

Mr. Ryan Aunger

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

Over the years, the Rosary Apostolate Program has benefitted my students as a good majority do not pray the rosary at home. For many, school is where they learn about prayer and the rosary.

Nicole Peres

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

The Rosary Apostolate volunteers help to bring us together as a Catholic community, and help our staff teach the students important elements of our Catholic faith and traditions. In general, we have been impressed with the Rosary Apostolate volunteers' ability to take advantage of available technology and maintain their interaction with our students, even if it has to be virtual.

James Tremblay



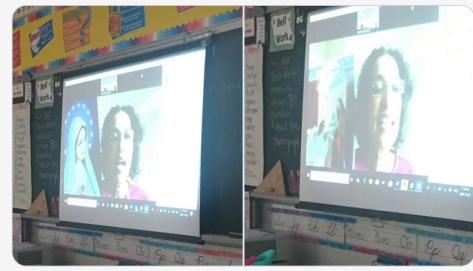
St. Wilfrid C.S. @st_wilfrid_1h

What a beautiful celebration of the Rosary this after with our Gr.4-8 students and our favourite Rosary Apostolate team. #DCDSBFaith



St. Gabriel Catholic School @stgabrielcs · Oct 20

Thank you to the Rosary Apostolate for our zoom sessions this week.



REGION: OSHAWA 3 ST. JOSEPH C.E.S. - DCDSB

Students have learned to appreciate the value and joy that comes with spending time in devotion to Mary. Positive comments about Rosary Apostolate visits!

Jerry Huxter

REGION: OSHAWA 4

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS C.E.S. - DCDSB

It is a great way for the church to connect with a different Church ministry. It's also helpful to pray as a community, especially this year. Was very helpful to have the YouTubes when we were virtual!!

Lisa True

REGION: PICKERING FR. FENELON C.E.S. - DCDSB

The Rosary Apostolate bring a positive spirit into building. They bring joy and hope. the children are excited when the rosary apostolate pray with them. Our school is better because of the rosary apostolate!!!

Chris Szent-Ivany

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

This has been a very challenging year for all. The Rosary Apostolate worked very hard to ensure that they provide a positive environment when the classes in the Rosary each month. It enables us to come together as a school community to pray together. Our staff and students need to participate more actively as a class group. As Principal, I will be providing them with more resources to support them.

Lyn Wardle

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

This year has been like no other! The team has gone above and beyond to pivot their Rosary meetings to adopt to the virtual world of learning for our students. The staff and students at St. Wilfrid have been extremely grateful for our Rosary visits and if ever we have needed prayer, this year has been one for extra prayers

community support and a sense of togetherness. Thank you to all the volunteers!!

Jennifer Principe

REGION: BRAMPTON 1 Our Lady of Fatima C.E.S. - DPCDSB

YouTubes:

- were grade level appropriate
- what a great way to have the Rosary Apostolate @ the school during a pandemic
- gives classrooms an opportunity to pray as a class
- unites the students

Keep up the excellent work. Staff appreciate your hard work.

Alessandra Fiore

St. John XXIII C.S. @StJohnXXIII_CS - Nov 27
We are blessed to have @TheRosaryApostle with us every month.
@archtoronto @DurhamCatholic



REGION: BRAMPTON 6 BLESSED MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY C.E.S. - DPCDSB

- Strengthening faith by communal prayer.
- the program is always well-received by our staff, faculty and students.

Daniel Birkenbergs

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

Helping our children to lean on their faith and Mother Mary and allowing them to see they can make a difference by uniting in prayer. Thank you to our team who kept in touch throughout the school year and continued to provide us with materials. The videos were excellent and easily used in the classroom at the convenience of the classroom schedule. Materials were easy to relate to. Students enjoyed the "interaction" with students of their own age level as leaders. Congratulations! The RA did an incredible job of pivoting to a new format in response to the quickly changing landscape of our school system. Resources, materials, leadership. Celiza Ribeiro

REGION: BRAMPTON 5 St. Guardian Angels C.E.S. - DPCDSB

Especially during remote school, students have been able to continue the practice of praying the Rosary. the flexibility of the Rosary Apostolate in moving to the virtual platform allowed both unperson and remote students to access the opportunity and we are grateful for their being so accommodating. Students love to participate and take part in the community through prayer. We had students volunteering to pray and it was so nice. The timing and length of sessions was appropriate for each group of students.

REGION: BRAMPTON 5 St. Daniel Comboni C.E.S. - DPCDSB

It has been a blessing to have the Rosary read with our students each month. Bringing prayer into our classrooms and into the homes of students has been great. It is also a great way for our school to further connect with our local parish. Students were very excited to take part and staff have all had positive comments and we look forward to continuing this program next school year.

Adrian Scigliano

REGION: BRAMPTON 5 St. Angela Merici C.E.S. - DPCDSB

Considering the current pandemic situation that we are in, having the Rosary Apostolate in our schools is a way for students to continue to grow and nurture their Catholic faith. Students are able to participate, reflect and connect with Mother Mary. Many students do not know how to pray the rosary and this allows them to learn it and pray it. These unprecedented and turbulent times have still allowed us to connect with Mother Mary.

Maria Vitale

REGION: BRAMPTON 5 ST. AIDEN C.E.S. - DPCDSB

We are appreciative of the opportunity we have had to pray together virtually as a school during these unprecedented times. As administrators we have seen our students participating and increasingly gaining confidence during the interactive components of the program where students are asked to lead parts of the sessions. Thank you for bringing these faith formation and fellowship opportunities for our students and school community. Thank you for a job well done.

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

Students and staff have benefited immensely from the ongoing opportunity to develop their personal prayer life, especially during a pandemic. They have learned the importance of praying for the community. The volunteers have been excellent as usual. They are highly appreciated by the staff and students.

YouTube: Age appropriate and engaging. It helped us to maintain an important focus on faith and other during a difficult school year. We valued both the videos and live prayer sessions, most especially our Celebration of Mary in May.

Jennifer Vieira

REGION: MISSISSAUGA CHRIST THE KING C.E.S. - DPCDSB

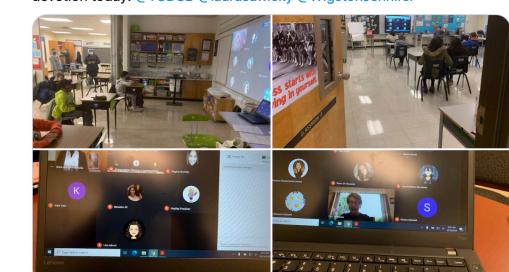
The Rosary Apostolates provide a safe environment for students to further develop their understanding of prayer and faith. Our staff and students have commented on how this guidance helps them recognize different things about themselves and others. I am really looking forward to meeting our Rosary Apostolates in person as we move into September 2021. Thank you for your dedicated service.

The students were able to follow along together on-line. This has been part of their monthly faith practise.

The Rosary Apostolate program continues to nurture our faith development within our school, homes and parish.

Andrea Brown

St. Helen DPCDSB @StHelenDPCDSB - Dec 14, 2020
Enjoying the Rosary Apostolate. #Advent.



 Mrs. Dodge @mrscodge · Dec 16, 2020

Praying the rosary. Thank you @TheRosaryAposto for creating YouTube videos for our students.



REGION: MISSISSAUGA 2 ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS C.E.S. - DPCDSB

Our students very much enjoyed seeing diverse students lead them in prayer and participate in the videos. Offering as much student participation as possible. Children are engaged by other children. As always, it is an absolute pleasure and blessing to have our students participate in the program. It enriches the faith life of our students and teachers. As one teacher so enthusiastically shared "we look forward to the YouTube videos every month!".

Although it has been very convenient to have the YouTube videos available, the enrichment of having the Rosary Apostolate volunteers in our school monthly, as was previously welcomed before COVID restrictions, was certainly the most rewarding for our students.

Our wonderful lead coordinator Sabrina Almeida did try to organize live streaming of the Rosary for our school but I was so overwhelmed with all the necessary safety precautions, procedures to follow and school closings, this did not come to fruition. I hope I can follow through on this next year.

Enza Del Grosso-Milek

REGION: BARRIE 1 ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA C.E.S. - SMCDSB

The Rosary Apostolate has been an integral part of the St. Monica's school community. The staff and students look forward to the visit and the inspiration that the ladies bring. It has been especially special to have their involvement during

covid. Not having access to the physical church has really challenged us all in maintaining a spiritual presence in our lives. The lovely ladies from the Rosary Apostolate have been the constant source of inspiration and spiritual role models that we have so desperately been needing. We are so grateful and blessed to be connected to the Apostolate. Thank you! Staff have commented on, "how wonderful the ladies are with the students". Another staff member said, "I feel that the Rosary Apostolate were extremely flexible in how they were able to remotely provide for our prayer needs. It is just another indication of how dedicated they have all been to sharing the Rosary with our school community. And we should be grateful for such an example of steadfastness and faith."

Kevin Kuiack

REGION: BARRIE 1 ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA C.E.S. - SMCDSB

Our students and staff benefit greatly from the Rosary Apostolate program. The volunteers set an excellent example for students with their commitment to faith. Along with this example, the program itself helps our kids understand more about our faith – gain a greater reverence for Mary and to learn how to pray. Our students continue to learn how prayer improves our relationship with God, provides us with a greater understanding of God's plan for us and can bring us comfort. Kids/staff consistently share that the volunteers are 'friendly', 'know lot of stuff' and must really believe in what they're doing because they visit us each month!

Rich Foshay

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

In this unprecedentedly difficult year, it has been a blessing to have the Rosary Apostolate Pray each month with our Children. During the Rosary Apostolate visits, our children were able to share in the prayers and peace of the Rosary. Being able to pray for each other and our families during this difficult time was a comfort and a blessing. Thank You. The teachers have been very appreciative of the flexibility of our Rosary volunteers. They have been able to adapt and accommodate changing schedules and a new virtual delivery of this blessed service. Teachers commented to me that



SETON DPCDSB @SetonWildcats · May 6

We seek your blessings our heavenly Mother as we pray the rosary with our Rosary Apostolate volunteers. Thank you @TheRosaryAposto for leading us in praying the rosary @StElizabethSet1 @DPCDSBSchools



 Our Lady of the Rosary CES @OLRosary · Jan 25

Morning Rosary Devotion. A great way for our Primary Ss to begin the day with prayer. Thank you Ms. Ammendola and Rosary Apostolate! @ycdsb @laurasawicky @WigstonJennifer @TheRosaryAposto



their students look very much forward to the visits of the RA volunteers and enjoy very much the opportunity to pray as a community for their needs and the needs of others. Thank You for all that the Rosary Apostolate does for St. John Vianney.

James Murphy

REGION: BARRIE 1 ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL C.E.S. - SMCDSB

Not only has the Rosary Apostolate provided our staff and students with a tangible connection to Mary and the Rosary volunteers through the use of technology were able to enter into our students' family homes, further solidifying that connection. The volunteers prayed for our staff and students' families. the volunteers were supportive, patient respectively with technology glitches, kind and friendly. We are so grateful you were able to accommodate us through this trying year!

Rhonda Robert

From a teacher at this school:

"I had such a lovely experience with the Rosary Apostolate this year. Mrs. D-Suiza was phenomenal! She greeted the students each month with so much love and compassion. She remembered special intentions for the class and would ask how people were praying for were doing. She made every single child in my class (and me) feel important and special. During this trying time for these students that meant so much for me to see. The program is so valuable because it reaches many students who do not get eh



Sacred Heart CS TCDSB @SHCSCHOOL1 · Dec 14, 2020

Our @SHCSCHOOL1 is blessed to be partnering with our Rosary Apostolate team! Thank you for sharing your love of the rosary with our staff and students! @SHCSCHOOL1 @TCDSB @TCDSB_PAguilar @TheRosaryAposto @MICHAELaCACCAMO





Father Fenelon C.S. @fatherfenelon - Apr 7

Thanks to the Rosary Apostolate for leading our staff and students in prayer @ Father Fenelon Catholic School!!! @DurhamCatholic @DCPIC #dcdsfbwellbeing #dcdsfbfaith



chance to attend Church services now. My class got to build on what we had learned in class about Mary and they thoroughly enjoyed saying the Hail Mary with Mrs. D'Souza. I was never short on volunteers to help say a decade of the Rosary.

Rae-Ann Sutton,
Grade 3/4 teacher

REGION: BARRIE 1 THE GOOD SHEPHERD C.E.S. - SMCDSB

By having the Rosary Apostolate Inc. program into our build, the students are able to see their Faith in action. They realize our Faith is to be lived. Thank you for providing us the opportunity through virtual means this year. It is definitely something we did not want to slip away from us.

Charity Harrison

REGION: BRADFORD ST. JEAN DE BREBEUF C.E.S. - SMCDSB

The Rosary Apostolate Program provided students with an opportunity to learn about and pray the Rosary on a monthly basis. Ms. Fex and Ms. DaSilva provided us with a connection to our parish. Teachers were able to extend these experiences with their classes for further discussion and prayer.

It was more challenging this year to engage the students virtually. While face to face, each student has a chance to pray a decade or prayer. While in virtual only the visitor spoke, which decreased student participation and engagement.



St. John Paul II Catholic School @JohnPaul_II_CS - Oct 20

Thank you to the Rosary Apostolate for leading us in prayer virtually today. Ms. Battistone's Grade 6/7 class were reverent as they joined in prayer led by Mrs. Ralph. #Dcdsfbfaith



This program ensures that our students pray and learn the parts of the Rosary. It provides a connection to our parish and Catholic community. Our teachers and students really enjoy this opportunity and we will participate next year if it is offered. Melanie Barkell

REGION: RICHMOND HILL OUR LADY OF HOPE C.E.S. - YCDSB

THE YOUTUBES

- they were led by children
- they varied in their delivery
- they were solemn

It has allowed the staff, parents & students to experience another form of prayer. It allows for students to pray without pressure.

Carla Cinelli

REGION: WOODBRIDGE 3 ST. PETER'S C.E.S. - YCDSB

The staff has appreciated receiving the links to pray in their virtual learning environments and in the in-person learning classroom too. The students include prayer in their school experience. The links are added to the Week at a Glance for teachers to access any day of the week and throughout the month. The students and staff express a 'big thank you' to the Rosary Apostolate for encouraging them to learn and pray the Rosary.

Lucie Rotundo

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

The access to the monthly YouTube videos was very helpful. We missed having the Rosary Apostolate here in person, but appreciate the electronic resources.

Chris Kerbo

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

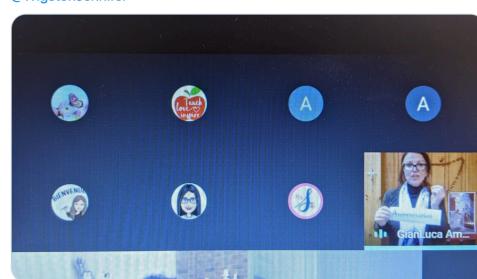
The Rosary Apostolate has made all the difference in keeping our students and staff connected to our Faith through a relationship with our Mother Mary and the Rosary. Everyone in the building loves the Rosary Apostolate program and all of the volunteers. They are a part of our Holy Name Community. This year with COVID restrictions, the program was not able to be run as per usual but we remained connected through the YouTube videos and guided meditation and prayer. When the restrictions are lifted there is no doubt that we will welcome the volunteers back with open arms!

Maria Romano

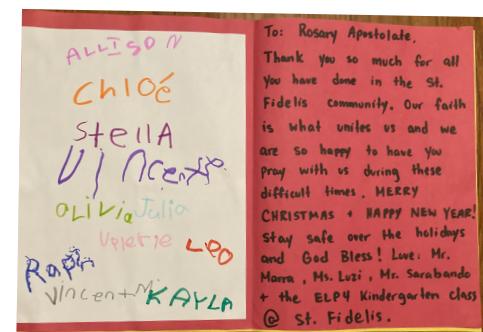
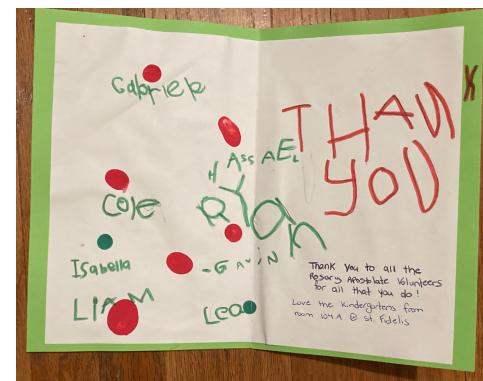


SJW @SJW_YCDSB - Oct 26

Thank you so much to our Rosary Apostolate volunteers for leading us in praying the rosary; virtually of course. @YCDSB @laurasawicky @WigstonJennifer



From Students:



Mrs. Insanic @MrsInsanic - Oct 23

Thank you to the Rosary Apostolate for teaching us about the first Joyful Mystery and helping us pray a decade of the Rosary! #mycatholiceducation @StMargaretDP

