**PASTORAL PLAN**

**School: Father C.W. Sullivan School**

**School Mission Statement:**

Father C. W. Sullivan Catholic School is a community of educators, support staff, families, pastoral workers, and children called to work together and learn in an attitude of mutual respect. Together, we believe that it is our responsibility to foster intellectual, spiritual, moral, physical, and social growth within our Catholic community. Students will be encouraged to develop their talents to the best of their abilities. Each child will be encouraged to grow in respect for all members of the community and for the environment. Staff members will endeavor to foster a sense of self-worth and personal responsibility in each student, while actively participating in the learning journey as co-learners with students. We are committed to the development of each student as a responsible member of society who follows the teachings of Christ.  The school has been an integral part of the community for over 45 years and continues to serve in faith, hope, and love.

**BIOGRAPHY OF FATHER CYRIL WILLIAM SULLIVAN**

Father C. W. Sullivan was born on Saturday, February 9, 1901, on Berkley Street, in St. Paul’s Parish, Toronto and he died in Brampton in 1977. His mother, Mary Edna Arthurs died in 1934. Father C. W. Sullivan attended St. Paul’s Elementary School in Toronto. He also attended Sacred Heart School in Calgary, Alberta and St. John’s College in Edmonton, Alberta (1914-1919). In 1919, Father C. W. Sullivan joined his family in Chicago, and he did not like it there, so he returned to Toronto where he worked at the Home Bank in Toronto. The President of the Bank was in New York, and he met up with his father who asked him to fire his son so that he would go back to school and "make something of himself" - which the President did. He went to St. Michael’s College in Toronto and graduated with an arts degree in 1925. That same year he entered St. Augustine’s Seminary in Scarborough, and was ordained a Priest on May 25, 1929, at St. Michael’s Cathedral, Toronto, by Archbishop Neil McNeil. His first appointment was as assistant at Holy Rosary in Thorold, Ontario, July 1929 - 1931. His second appointment was as an Assistant at St. Ann's in Toronto, from November 1931 to February 1932. His third appointment was as an Assistant at Guardian Angels in Orillia, Ontario, from March 1932 to August 1933. His fourth appointment was as an Assistant at St. Brigid’s in Toronto, from October 1933 to August 1937. On March 30, 1937, he was appointed Procurator in Matrimonial cases for the Archdiocese of Toronto. He studied at St. Michael’s College, 1938-39, for a master’s degree in philosophy (helping at St. Clare and other Toronto parishes while in school). On August 1, 1939, he was appointed Chaplain for the Armed Forces while living at St. Patrick’s Rectory in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In 1940, he joined the Army as a Chaplain, in Halifax. In 1941, he went overseas with the ‘Montreal 14th General Hospital Regiment’ and was stationed in Horley (Surrey County), England. He left England for the battle area in late October 1943. On November 6, 1943, the ship he was on, Ste. Elena, was torpedoed off North Africa - he was in the water with an Olympic swimmer who managed to save him. He then served in Italy. He returned to England in 1944-45 for posting again with the ‘Montreal 14th General Hospital’. He returned home in 1945, arriving in New York on December 8th. When he returned to Toronto, Archbishop McGuigan told him to take a long holiday. On June 29, 1946, he was appointed Pastor of St. Mary’s, Brampton with St. Joseph’s, Streetsville, as its Mission. Brampton was his only Pastorate. In 1956, Streetsville became an independent parish. He built the new St. Mary’s Church in Brampton, which was opened and blessed on December 13, 1964, by His Eminence James Charles Cardinal McGuigan. Father Sullivan retired in 1972 and lived his last years privately in Caledon East where he suffered from paralysis caused by a stroke. He died on Sunday, March 6, 1977. On Tuesday, March 8, 1977, his funeral took place at St. Mary’s Church, Brampton, and then on to St. John the Evangelist Church, in whose cemetery he is buried.

**Blessing of Father Sullivan's Gravestone**

Father Cyril William Sullivan was a priest for 48 years. He was pastor at St. Mary’s Church in Brampton from 1946 – 1972, when he retired. Father C. W. Sullivan School was built in 1975 and was named after Father C. W. Sullivan because he was a strong advocate for Catholic Education. Father Sullivan was co-celebrant at the blessing of the school on May 28, 1976. Father Sullivan died on March 6, 1977. He was buried on March 8, 1977, at St. John the Evangelist Church Cemetery, in Caledon East. At that time, a flat nameplate was placed to mark his grave. In 2006, The Knights of Columbus decided to erect a gravestone to make the grave of Father Sullivan more visible. As a result of some fund raising and private donations, a gravestone was purchased and erected on Father Sullivan’s grave. The original nameplate was removed and there is discussion about having it mounted at St. Mary’s Church in Brampton.   
  
On Sunday October 15, 2006, Father Damian celebrated mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in Caledon East, in memory of Father Sullivan and blessed the gravestone. Members of the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard were present along with many members of the Knights of Columbus, and some parishioners from St. Anne’s Church. In addition, there were a few close friends of Father Sullivan. One friend brought along a copy of a booklet compiled with letters and prayers written by grade 3 students from Father Sullivan School in 1977. This booklet was given to the school. This booklet will be laminated and stored in the school library. The staff and students from Father C. W. Sullivan School have been raising money to assist in paying for the gravestone. Since all monies were raised through the Knights of Columbus, it was decided, through consultation with the Knights of Columbus that the money raised by the school will assist in paying for the original grave nameplate to be placed at St. Mary’s Church.

**School Motto:**  God, Friends, and Learning

**Our Parish:** St. Anne

**Pastor: *Rev, Joel Pabilona, Jr.***

**Parish website: *https://stannesbr.archtoronto.org/***

**Message from the Pastor:**

Dear Parents and Families,

The school year 2023-2024 is being met with great optimism as the schools of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board opened their doors once again. St. Anne's Parish will resume to serve all the seven Catholic Schools under its pastoral care open to new and creative ways as deemed necessary.

This year, all the usual liturgical and pastoral activities are in place:

* School Masses
* School Confessions
* Sacramental Preparations
* School Visitations

There is an urgent need for school visitations most importantly to make surveys on whether everyone has received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Holy Confirmation) accordingly. I enjoin the parents to make sure that their children are taken care of in this regard, especially those preparing their children for the Sacraments of Initiation,

I also urge everyone to keep in mind the significance of their promise at the baptism of their children to bring them up in the practice of the faith that is to love God and love others as God loves us. Incidentally, the theme of this school year coming from DPCDSB is "the call to love'.

May the upcoming Advent and Christmas Seasons bring us hope, peace, and joy! My prayers and best wishes to the families.

God’s continued blessings upon you all!

Fr. Joel B. Pabilona Jr.

***Nota Bene:*** I will be leaving the parish on the 1st December for my 6-month sabbatical. Fr. Suresh Xavier will replace me as pastor. Thank you for your support and cooperation during my tenure. God bless!

**Message from the Catholic School Council:**

The Father C. W. Sullivan Catholic School Council (CSC) works closely with the community, Principal, and staff to support school programs, which enhance the development of our students physically, academically, emotionally, and spiritually.  Our Catholic School Council displays an active interest in the development of our school facilities, academic programs, extra-curricular activities, the sacraments, and activities of our students in a Catholic, faith-based setting.  Beginning with prayer and a land acknowledgement, the Catholic School Council meets regularly to discuss issues surrounding Catholic education and how we can support our school goals.  The Catholic School Council provides a forum for parents to express their views on the programs, services, and operation of the school.  We welcome parents who are interested in learning about their children’s education and assisting the Catholic School Council and the school. The Father C. W. Sullivan Catholic School Council looks forward to working with the staff in helping the students fulfill the vision and mission of the 2023-2024 Pastoral Plan.

**Catholic Education Week –** May 5th – May 10th, 2024

**Catholic Education: We are Called to Love**

**L’éducation catholique: Appelés à aimer**

*Throughout Catholic Education Week, we ask you to reflect on the significance of Catholic education’s presence and contribution in our Church, and in our society.*

***“If we love one another, God lives in us.” 1 John 4:12***

***Si nous nous aimons les uns les autres, Dieu demeure en nous. (1 Jean 4, 12)***

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2024 are:

Monday: **As people of hope / Dans l’espérance**

Tuesday: **As people of faith / Dans la foi**

Wednesday: **As people of mercy / Avec compassion**

Thursday: **As people of justice / Dans la justice**

Friday: **As people of joy / Dans la joie**

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| Catholic Education Week begins on a Sunday to highlight the partnership that remains the foundation of Catholic education between our Catholic schools and local Catholic parishes. During this week our families are invited to witness a variety of school and classroom activities. |

**Faith Formation:**

*Forming ourselves in our Catholic faith is a foundational element in helping each of us understand and live in the example of Christ.*

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| There will be an increase in student knowledge, understanding, and application of scripture, sacramental life, and Catholic social teaching to daily life.  -By consistently using religion resources to deepen student understanding of Scripture  -By interpreting Scripture and connecting it to modern contexts for students, and integrating Scripture in all program areas  -By integrating and expressing the Virtues Program within the school community  -By fulfilling the Principles of the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations (FDK-Gr.8)  -By the preparation for and receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation  -By communicating the sacred nature of the Mass  -By creating and appreciating a sacred space during the school Masses and Liturgies  -By participating in Social Justice Initiatives which includes food and clothing drives during Thanksgiving, Advent, and Lent, and through Share Life  -By organizing liturgies and celebrations throughout the school year: Remembrance Day, Advent Liturgies, Ash Wednesday, Catholic Education Week, and Graduation Liturgy  -By fostering positive home/school/parish relationships  -By supporting the Adult Faith Ambassadors, Youth Faith Ambassadors, Equity Leads  -By implementing the Safe Schools Policies, Bullying Prevention and Character Building / Leadership Programs: PALS, Circle of Friends, ECO, and Safe Schools Committee  -By the Virtue Assemblies and Awards  -By participation in the Catholic Education Week activities  -Pastoral visits  -Sacred space in all classrooms and common areas  -Environmental focus on renewal and stewardship  -Eco Schools participation and certification  -School yard pavement games to promote cooperative play  -Positive home-school-parish-community partnerships (e.g., Peel Health Nurse)  We will also…  -Focus on guiding student understanding of Catholic Social Teachings  -Provide students with increased opportunities to participate in social justice initiatives that provide support and advocate for change  Students will…  -participate in reflections in class to demonstrate impact of learning  -increase awareness of our Catholic Social Teachings |

**Sacramental Preparation:**

*As Catholics, we understand sacraments to be "outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace." Together in partnership with our parish, we support the preparation of God’s children in receiving the sacraments.*

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| **Event** | **Grade 2** | **Grade 7** |
| Sacrament of Reconciliation | TBA |  |
| Sacrament of Holy Eucharist/Communion | TBA |  |
| Confirmation Day |  | TBA |

**Liturgical Celebrations:**

*The Liturgical calendar is marked by the gathering in community to celebrate the Eucharist and share in prayer.*

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| **Celebration** | **Date** |
| **Opening Mass** | **October 3, 2023 @ 10:30 am** |
| **Advent Mass** | **December 20, 2023 @ 10:30 am** |
| **Lenten Mass** | **March 22, 2024 @ 10:30 am** |
| **Year End Mass** | **June 14, 2024 @ 10:30 am** |

**Social Justice / Outreach Activities / Charities:**

*Catholic Social Teachings of the Church root our actions in supporting human dignity and the preferential option of the poor which calls us to serve the most vulnerable in the world.*

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| As a school community, we participate in ShareLife and many Social Justice and Community Outreach Initiatives. We respond to the needs of the larger Community through:   * Food Drives and Clothing Drives during Thanksgiving, Christmas, Lent, Catholic Education Week * Share Life activities and donations by Staff, Students, Families (e.g., Spirit Days, Christmas Concert, Spring Talent Show, Athletic events with staff and students) * Community invitations to school Masses, Liturgies, Virtue Assemblies * Donations to Charities * Youth Faith Ambassadors * Eco-Team * Equity Leads * Confirmation Service Projects |

**Recognizing Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations:**

*Framed by the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCSGE), our graduates will be effective communicators, reflective thinkers, lifelong learners, collaborative contributors, caring family members, responsible citizens and discerning believers formed in the Catholic faith community.*

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| We fulfill our Vision & Mission Statement messages by ensuring our students meet the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations (OCSGE) so that they become:   * Discerning believers * Effective communicators * Reflective, creative, and holistic thinkers * Self-directed, responsible, lifelong learners * Collaborative contributors * Caring family members * Responsible citizens |

**Celebrating Virtues:**

*A virtue is a habit or established capacity to perform good actions according to a moral standard. When we practice these virtues, we strengthen them and thereby make the presence of God more and more visible in the world around us.*

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| A Catholic Faith Community is rooted in a set of common beliefs which are inspired by the life and teachings of Jesus. As a Catholic Community we are called to learn, to grow and to become more like Jesus in the way we see and treat others. Our Catholic faith plays an important role in helping us shape schools that are safe, caring, healthy and inclusive. A Catholic Education provides us the opportunity to integrate virtue formation into all areas of our life within the context of our faith. Father C. W. Sullivan Catholic School will again focus our attention on the Catholic Virtues. This program is designed to help us nurture virtue and character development in the lives of our students. Each month the whole school will focus on a virtue. Classroom activities and school wide activities/assemblies will all focus on a specific virtue each month. Our monthly Virtue Awards for our students….  -September - Faith  -October - Empathy  -November - Conscience  -December - Hope  -January – Self-Control  -February - Respect  -March - Kindness  -April - Love  -May - Acceptance  -June - Fairness |

**Visible Signs of our Faith:**

*Through symbol and service, we are instruments of God’s love whose work within our communities stands as a witness to our faith.*

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| We have many visible signs of our faith throughout our school, including sacred spaces, crosses, bibles, student created posters, virtue signs, stations of the cross, prayer tables, and school murals. Every classroom has its own sacred space and prayer table. |

**Resource List for Parents/Guardians:**

* **General Roman 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar** - [2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar](https://www.cccb.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/liturgical-calendar/general-roman-calendar/)
* **Religious Education Curriculum -** [Ontario Religious Education Curriculum](https://iceont.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Elementary-Religious-Ed-2012.pdf)
* **Family Life Curriculum -** [Ontario Family Life Curriculum](https://iceont.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Family-Life-Ed-2012.pdf)
* **Fully Alive Program information -** [Ontario Bishops' information on Fully Alive](http://acbo.on.ca/educational-resources/)
* **Encyclical Letter “Fratelli Tutti”-** [Fratelli Tutti](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html)
* **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation -** [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](https://nctr.ca/)
* **Catholic Education Week 2024 –** [Catholic Education Week 2024](http://goodnewsforall.ca/)
* **Synod on Synodality** – [Synod 2021 - 2024](https://www.synod.va/en.html)

**Resource List for Schools:**

**Board**

* **General Roman 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar** - [2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar](https://www.cccb.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/liturgical-calendar/general-roman-calendar/)
* **Multi-Year Strategic Plan -** [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023](https://www3.dpcdsb.org/Documents/2019-23%20MYSP%20Flyer%20FINAL.pdf)
* **Renewing the Promise –** [A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education](https://iceont.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/2018-Renewing_The_Promise_A_Pastoral_Letter.pdf)
* **Encyclical Letter “Fratelli Tutti”-** [Fratelli Tutti](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html)
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**School-Based**

* **General Roman 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar** - [2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar](https://www.cccb.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/liturgical-calendar/general-roman-calendar/)
* **Multi-Year Strategic Plan -** [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023](https://www3.dpcdsb.org/Documents/2019-23%20MYSP%20Flyer%20FINAL.pdf)
* **Renewing the Promise –** [A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education](https://iceont.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/2018-Renewing_The_Promise_A_Pastoral_Letter.pdf)
* **Encyclical Letter “Fratelli Tutti”-** [Fratelli Tutti](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html)
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**Signature Page**

**Pastor**

**Faith Ambassador(s) *(as applicable)***

**Teacher(s)**

**Chair of Catholic School Council**

**Vice Principal(s)**

**Principal**

**Superintendent**