

PASTORAL PLAN

School Name: St. Aidan CES

School Mission Statement:

The mission statement of St. Aidan Catholic School is to provide a Catholic Education that develops the unique talents and abilities of each individual and encourages all to follow in Jesus' footsteps to become models of service in the community.

School Motto: |Enlightened by knowledge Enriched by Faith

Our Parish: Guardian Angels

Pastor: Rev. Ravi Babu Kakumanu

Parish website: <https://guardianangelsbr.archtoronto.org>

Message from the Pastor:

As we embark on this new academic year, it is my joy to share with you the vision for our school's pastoral plan. Our mission is not only to nurture your academic growth but to inspire your hearts and souls to seek God in all that you do. Our school is not just a place of learning but a community rooted in faith, service and love for one another.

Our school is under the pastoral care of Guardian Angles Parish. We praise God for helping us to build a beautiful church, now is the time to build a strong community rooted in God to lead others to God. My hope is to support you in your spiritual journey. Let us work together to create an environment where faith is alive and flourishing in all aspects of our school life. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I am confident that we can build a stronger, more vibrant school community centered in Christ's love.

May God bless you all abundantly in this new school year. I look forward to walking this path of faith with each of you.

In Christ,
Fr. Ravi

Message from the Catholic School Council:

The St. Aidan Catholic School Council is an integral part of our school community. Through the active participation and collaboration of parents/guardians, we strive to support school initiatives that ensure that all students reach their full potential in an inclusive faith filled and safe environment

Catholic Education Week – May 4th – May 9th, 2025

***Catholic Education: Pilgrims of Hope
L'éducation catholique: Pèlerins de l'espérance***

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.

The quote for Catholic Education Week 2025 is:

"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us."
(Letter on the Jubilee Year of Hope, February 11, 2022)

"Nous devons garder allumée la flamme de l'espérance qui nous a été donnée."
(Lettre sur le Jubilé de l'espérance; 11 février 2022)

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2025 are:

Monday: **By honouring human dignity / Honorent la dignité humaine**

Tuesday: **By caring for creation / Prennent soin de la création**

Wednesday: **By responding to the poverties in our world / Luttent contre les pauvretés**

Thursday: **By serving in solidarity / Servent en solidarité**

Friday: **By living as peacemakers / Vivent en artisans de paix**

St. Aidan will be bringing the entire school community together this Catholic Education Week through a showcase of student and teacher talent based on the themes of Love, hope, faith, mercy, justice, and joy. The staff will hold liturgical celebrations highlighting the daily themes. We will be playing the Catholic Education week theme song on the announcements. We will also have our choir sing the theme song in the Talent Showcase.

Classrooms will hold literature discussions using books appropriate to the daily themes.

Our Youth Faith Ambassadors will be leading a crusade of love and providing various art projects per division for displays.

We will be holding a canned food drive to support our local Food Bank

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.

Youth Faith Ambassadors

Staff Liturgies

Class Liturgies and assemblies

School Masses both at the church and at the school

School Choir

We bring in Chaplin from St. Edmond Champion to lead the intermediates this not only assists in transitions it encourages faith development.

Daily prayers and reflections lead by the students on daily morning announcements

Year End OCSGE assembly for the school community by the Youth Faith Ambassadors

Community Event to celebrate Christmas

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.

Event	Grade 2	Grade 7
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>	<i>December 2 – 4, 2024</i> <i>*exact date TBA</i>	
<i>Confirmation</i>		<i>April 22 – 25, 2025</i> <i>*exact date TBA</i>
<i>First Holy Communion</i>	<i>April 26, 2025</i> <i>May 3, 2025</i> <i>May 10, 2025</i> <i>*exact date TBA</i>	

Liturgical Celebrations:

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

Celebration	Date
Opening Mass	October 18, 2024
Lenten Mass	March 4, 2025
Easter Mass	April 20, 2025
Closing Mass	June 10, 2024

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.

St. Aidan School participates in a variety of outreach activities which support both global and local organizations. These organizations are aligned with our Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations as well as Catholic Social Teachings and have a strong tradition of serving and giving to those in need at both the local level and broader community. St. Aidan participates in the following:

Throughout the Year: Fundraising and Snack sales for Sharelife

October: Thanksgiving Food Drive, Terry Fox Run for the Canadian Cancer Society

November: Candy Drive for Dr. Simone, Poppy drive for Royal Canadian Legion

December Advent Season: Giving Angels Tree (gift card collection)

March Lenten Season: Daffodil campaign for Canadian Cancer Society

April: Easter Food Drive for local Food Bank

Religious Education Student Retreat: Grade 7 Confirmation Retreat

Year-round Stewardship initiatives include reducing our eco footprint by reducing photocopy usage, lunch waste reduction initiatives, lights out lunches and promoting reusable water bottles.

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.

As developed by the Institute of Catholic Education (ICE), the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCSGE) are used as a framework for designing Ontario Catholic curriculum. To celebrate the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCSGE), we as a St. Aidan school community imbed these expectations in our daily life both within the classroom and broader school community. We celebrate these teachings through the following:

Our intermediate Youth Faith Ambassadors will be highlighting the Ontario Catholic School Graduate expectations within virtue assemblies. Students whom exemplify the OCSGE's will be recognized as a school community. We will also be incorporating the OCSGE within our Gr 8 Graduation ceremony aligning our Gr 8 Graduate awards with the OCSGE.

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.

We celebrate as a school through monthly assemblies put on by different classes and decorate the display cases with student work. Virtues are highlighted on daily announcements and throughout the hallways (class art on the walls). We also have a permanent display of virtues on a new window decal near our library. Our virtue of the month is also always displayed on our outdoor community sign.

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.

We have Crosses, Bibles, Prayer Tables, community service, liturgical displays, and display cases, OCSGE display at the front entrance, handcrafted altar and lectern displaying liturgical colours and symbols of the season.

Resource List for Parents/Guardians:

- General Roman 2024-2025 Liturgical Calendar - [2024-2025 Liturgical Calendar](#)
- Religious Education Curriculum - [Ontario Religious Education Curriculum](#)
- New Family Life Curriculum 2023 - [Ontario Family Life Curriculum 2023](#)
- New Family Life Education Curriculum and Support Resources – [Institute for Catholic Education](#)
- Fully Alive Program information - [Ontario Bishops' information on Fully Alive](#)
- [Encyclical Letters : 'Laudato Si', 'Laudato Deum' and 'Christus vivit'](#)
- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- Catholic Education Week 2025 – [Catholic Education Week 2025](#)
- Jubilee Year 2025 – [Pilgrims of Hope](#)

Resource List for Schools:**Board**

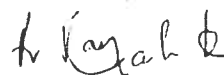
- General Roman 2024-2025 Liturgical Calendar - [2024-2025 Liturgical Calendar](#)

- **Multi-Year Strategic Plan - [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2023-2027](#)**
- **Renewing the Promise – [A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education](#)**
- **[Encyclical Letters](#) : [‘Laudato Si’](#), [‘Laudato Deum’](#) and [‘Christus vivit’](#)**
- **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)**
- **Catholic Education Week 2025 – [Catholic Education Week 2025](#)**

School-Based

- Adaptive Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation Kits
- Adaptive Program-Finding God Kit (FDK)
- NSRV Bibles
- Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ (Gr. 1-8)
- Fully Alive (Gr. 1-8)

Signature Page

Pastor 
REV. RAVIBABU KAKIMANNU

Faith Ambassador(s) (as applicable)

Teacher(s)  

Chair of Catholic School Council - **Sarah Vaz**

Vice Principal N. Hukil 

Principal A. Dalli 

Superintendent V. Varano 

