



*23 Years of Service!*

## **Rosary Apostolate, Inc. Guidelines for Principals**

*On behalf of the Mother of God, we thank you for becoming a Rosary Apostolate School! For the past 23 years the Rosary Apostolate has been creating a "positive experience of prayer" which students remember for years to come! Students never find praying the Rosary boring when they pray with love, it becomes for them a truly inspiring experience which is always new.*

**Our goal is to deliver a Rosary program which will make a positive impact on students and enhance the spiritual dimension of your school.**

**The Rosary Apostolate, Inc.** - is an apostolate of evangelization through prayer which began in the schools and later extended to the Families and the forming of Parish Prayer groups.

**SCHOOL BOARDS** - The Rosary Apostolate, Inc. seeks to establish a good working relationship with participating school boards. Annually, we submit Rosary presentations for review and approval, prior to giving them to volunteers. We ask each school board to ensure our Rosary presentations are curriculum-based, age-appropriate, non-offensive, and at the same time, spiritually inspiring for children. (see attachment)

**PARISH-BASED** - The Rosary Apostolate in the Schools is a parish-based organization which operates with Diocesan approval. Volunteers serve their parish schools and only with the principal's approval.

**PARTNERS IN FAITH** - The Rosary Apostolate, Inc. is a committed partner-in-faith. Our ministry is a solid connection between the parish, community, and parish schools.

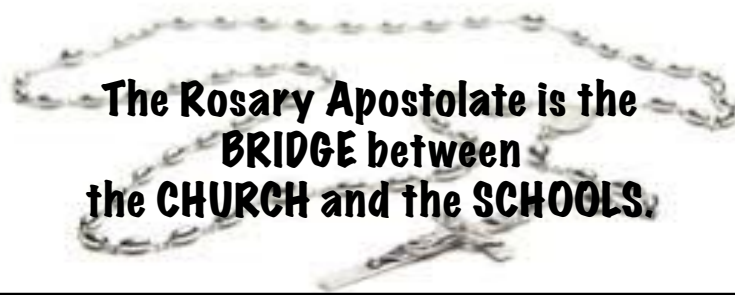
**VOLUNTEERS OF THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE, INC.** - All our volunteers undergo a 10-step screening process as mandated by the Province of Ontario for volunteer organizations. This includes a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) from the local police stations. Prior to visiting schools, volunteers undergo training and orientation to give professional presentations of the Rosary in the schools. For more information visit our website: [www.rosaryapostolate.com](http://www.rosaryapostolate.com)

**CLASSROOM TEACHERS:** Our organization requests that classroom teachers remain in the class during Rosary visits and do not leave the volunteer alone during Rosary presentations.

The Rosary Apostolate in the Schools continues to expand because teachers continue to see the good results derived from praying the Rosary as a classroom.

### **The Benefits of praying the Rosary with each classroom on a monthly basis:**

1. By the third month, teachers notice how students are able to focus better on the act of praying and their increased reverence for prayer. Teachers comment on how students are able to focus better on lessons taught after praying together.
2. Teachers have observed that the behaviour of students improved, especially on the playground, from the time the monthly Rosary was introduced.
3. Praying the Rosary together inspires students to be more virtuous.
4. Students are inspired to pray for the needs of other students, building a sense of compassion. They also are inspired to pray for the needs in our world, which builds community.
5. Students will learn six prayers: the Apostles' Creed, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be, the Fatima prayer, and the Hail Holy Queen. Learning these prayers in the classroom will give them confidence to join in prayers at Church.
6. They learn that the Rosary is a Christo-centric prayer. It is all about the life of Jesus as they contemplate the Biblical Mysteries. This opens their hearts to a personal relationship with Jesus.
7. Praying the Rosary as a school gives to both staff and students a sense of security and protection. They feel loved and cared for by the Mother of God.
8. Each time your school prays the Rosary, the Blessed Virgin Mary draws down upon your school so many graces! Many schools testify to miracles received through the Rosary.
9. Feedback from both staff and students has been amazing! (see attached Newsletter)



**The Regional Director for your School is:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Regional Directors are instructed to run this Rosary program only in schools that accept the program "AS IS" this includes:**

A. The Program outline for current scholastic year (you may request to see the full program in advance)

B. Time slots for monthly Rosary in-class presentations (October to April):

- 15 minutes for J.K. and S.K. classes;
- 20 minutes for Grades 1 - 3;
- 40 minutes for Grades 4 - 8 and High School classes

For the May Celebration a new schedule will be made:

- one hour for grades 4 - 8 classes and High Schools
- 45 minutes for J.K. to grade 3 classes.

C. All the classrooms in the school will be visited on a monthly basis from October to April, with one additional visit in May in which we gather together as a school community for the May Celebration. In total, there are only 8 visits in the whole year.

All of the above has been deemed necessary in order to present the Rosary in a positive way for both students and volunteers.

### **Duties of Regional Directors**

1. Set-up a school schedule with approval of the Principal or Vice Principal and assign volunteers to visit classrooms on the scheduled days and times. Maintain contact between the Principal and the Rosary Team.
2. Regional Directors are required to conduct supervision spot checks once a year for each volunteer in your school. For this reason they are not assigned a specific classroom to visit.
3. In the absence of a volunteer, the Regional Director is free to cover the absentee's classroom visits.
4. Regional Directors expect, from each volunteer, strict adherence to the Rosary Presentations.

### **Protocol for Dismissing Rosary Volunteers from your school:**

***When a teacher complains about a volunteer and is overall unhappy with this person visiting their classroom.***

1. Inform your Regional Director.
2. The classroom teacher or principal is asked to fill out an **Incident Report** (Report form can be found at: [www.rosaryapostolate.com](http://www.rosaryapostolate.com) > School > For Principals). The original copy must be given to the Regional Director prior to dismissing the Volunteer.
3. The Principal should inform the Rosary Visitor that due to a complaint received from the classroom teacher they will not be welcomed back into the school.

#### ***In the event of a serious incident:***

1. Immediately report and submit details of the incident to Rosary Apostolate, Inc. Head Office by e-mail at: [rosaryapostolate@sympatico.ca](mailto:rosaryapostolate@sympatico.ca) or telephone the President at (416) 701-0678 (Report form can be found at: [www.rosaryapostolate.com](http://www.rosaryapostolate.com) > School > For Principals).
2. The Principal should immediately remove the volunteer from his/her school.
3. Follow your School Board protocol for serious incidents.