



*"17 Years of Service"*

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank every principal and teacher, for your warm welcome and support given to members of the Rosary Apostolate! The "Year of Faith" was truly lived out in a special way in the Scholastic Year of 2012-13! Which culminated with a May Celebration in honour of Our Lady of the Cape, the Queen of Canada which received so many compliments!

*The Rosary Apostolate has become a bridge between the Schools and the Church.*

### Principals' have said:

"The involvement of the facilitators enriches the Catholic Education we strive to provide. Grounded in faith is living the richness of these regularly scheduled visits. The children, the staff and the community grows as a result. This is a huge part of Catholic Education and partnership between home and school and Church. What a blessing – individually and collectively – wonderful, compassionate inclusive individuals. The Rosary visits are extremely valuable and should be part of every Catholic School."

**Blessed Sacrament School – TCDSB**

"The volunteers are always on time. The volunteers always use "language/terms" appropriate for student's age group. Students respond positively to teachings of the Rosary. Dedicated volunteers."

**Sts. Cosmas & Damian School – TCDSB**

"Absolutely satisfied beyond expectations. This program provides a richness to our community and it is a cornerstone to our faith. We are very blessed and pleased."

**St. Albert School – TCDSB**

"We are extremely satisfied. We are very grateful for the volunteers giving their time to help our children pray the rosary. This is a fabulous example of how the Catholic

community works together in support of our youth. They have added so much to our school community. Many, many thanks to all our volunteers who have worked with Annunciation."

**Annunciation of Our Lady School – TCDSB**

"The volunteers have been wonderful. They are positive, joy filled and loving witnesses of the power of intercessory prayer. The volunteers follow all school protocols. They are polite, respectful, friendly and caring. The Rosary Apostolate is a highlight every month, wonderful catechesis! The May Crowning was superb in every way."

**Pauline Vanier School – DFCDSD**

"Yes, the volunteers are very friendly, approachable and very dedicated to their roles in the classrooms. They touch the students with their profound experience for prayer and their faith. Excellent role models."

**St. Francis of Assisi School – DFCDSD**

"This program has an integral part of our integration of Faith at our school. It is even more important that the students see outsiders acting as role models in devotion to Mary."

**St. Monica school – DCDSB**

"Absolutely, these wonderful faith filled volunteers reignite staff and students' desire to become more prayerful. They are valuable contributors to our schools' development of Catholic faith."

**St. Bernadette – SMCDSB**

"The apostolate perform a service to our school community that is valuable. Our students' experience of the Rosary is enhanced with their presence in our school."

**St. Michael the Archangel School – SMCDSB**

"We are very pleased. The volunteers know how to engage young people in the praying of the Rosary. The Coronation of Mary is very organized, student-centered and meaningful. The volunteers are very courteous, friendly and professional. They have created an atmosphere of



comfort and trust. They are magnanimous! I am so very proud that our students know how and cherish the praying of the rosary thanks to our awesome volunteers. God Bless." **San Lorenzo Ruiz – YCDSB**

"The service offers a valuable dimension to our school's faith life. Our staff and students appreciate the visits."

**St. Clement School - YCDSB**

"Absolutely! What a beautiful opportunity these volunteers are giving our students. Many thanks for giving us the gift of prayer."

**St. Vincent School, Oakville – HCDSB**

"Yes, it is a wonderful program. The children are engaged by the pictures and stories. Yes

it is a very prescribed program. They are wonderful, caring role models for our staff and students." **St. Anne's School – PVNCCDSB**

"We are very satisfied with the service this wonderful group of volunteers provide our school community." **Holy Trinity School in Sarnia – St. Clair CDSB**

"It has been wonderful! An incredible service!" **St. James School - HPCDSB**

*The Rosary has become for so many students the bridge that leads them to God!*

### Students have said:

"Thank you for the festival in the gym. I liked the flowers. Thank you for teaching us about the rosary, the apostles, Mary and Joseph. I think the stories in the Bible are amazing!"

**Grade 2/3 Student**



"How the praying of the Rosary affected or increased my faith. The Rosary helps me connect with God, because he is with you no matter what, and God makes miracles with his grace. Let me tell you something. It was my first day at music class and I asked God to please help me with the test, because I didn't really know how to play the song that the music teacher wanted us to play for her. When it was my turn to play by myself, I got really nervous and when I was done the teacher told me that I did really good, and that I had to watch my pitch. The rest was excellent and my mark was 100%. That's how you know that God is with you at all times. You just have to give some time for God, like for example, me, I would rather go to church than go to the park. When my friends say, "Manuella, come to the park with us". I say, "Nope, sorry, I am going to a party", and they ask, "Oh! Who's party?" I tell them, "I am going to God's party", and they say "Oh, okay then." God brings me hope."

**Grade 7 Student**

"Praying the Rosary connects you more spiritually with God. By reciting "Our Father" and "Hail Mary" several times, you increase and strengthen your faith in God and also yourself"

**Grade 8 Student**

"I am a grade 9 student at St. Joseph's Catholic School. I attended St. Monica's School in Barrie from grade 4 to 8. One of my favourite memories of my Catholic Education will be participating in the Rosary! We are very fortunate volunteers come to our school to share their faith with us. Praying the Rosary together unites us as Catholics and deepens our faith. I feel that our praying together is very special."

**Grade 9 Student**