



21 Years of Service!

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Dear Directors of Education, principals and teachers, friends and benefactors,



On behalf of the Mother of God, I thank you for opening the doors of your schools to members of the Rosary Apostolate and for inviting the Mother of God into the lives of your students. She nurtures them and guides

them with a maternal tenderness. The Rosary Apostolate has been her humble instrument in binding Catholic schools and the Church to greater unity. Over the past 20 years we have grown together in a life of prayer and holiness.

A school that prays the Rosary is a school that the Mother of God presses close to her Immaculate Heart. She surrounds all the students and staff of the school with every flame of love that issues from her heart so that they will know they have a mother in heaven who loves them and desires to bring them to a great love for her Son Jesus!

A school that prays together is a school that puts Christ at the centre of its routine. He alone can fulfill every longing of every heart and He alone can bring peace, love and unity among the school body. As the disciples were united in prayer with the Mother of God on Pentecost, a school experiences a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit which will renew and sanctify us. You have given great joy to the Mother of God. Continue praying the Rosary with your students. By keeping prayer at the heart of Catholic education, you are planting in the hearts of students the key that opens to them the Heart of Christ.

Sr. Marilina Cinelli, C.P.
President

Principals have said:
Archdiocese of Toronto

St. Raymond C.E.S. - TCDSB
Toronto North Region

It is a great pleasure to pray with our Rosary Apostolates and have them lead us in prayer

as a community, and putting our gospel values into practice (beyond our daily prayers)! The volunteers are patient, compassionate and true role models for our entire school community. I look forward to continue this program next year! Thank you to all!!!

All Saints C.E.S. - TCDSB
Etobicoke 1 Region

The students enjoy spending time with the Rosary Apostolate volunteers. The feedback from teachers and students is always positive. Students learn about the mysteries and the power of prayer. More importantly, they learn how to pray the Rosary for the special intentions in their hearts.

Our Lady of Wisdom C.E.S. - TCDSB Scarborough 3 Region

Staff and students have indicated a stronger appreciation for prayer as a means of communicating with the Holy Trinity and the Virgin Mary. They really see added value in participating in communal prayer through the Rosary and see it as vital to strengthening their relationship with God.

Prince of Peace C.E.S. - TCDSB
Scarborough 2 Region

We have been so pleased with the knowledge, faith, and professionalism of our volunteers. Thank you!

St. John XXIII C.E.S. - TCDSB
North York 4 Region

Yes, the students look forward to having the Rosary Apostolate once a month. They really enjoy the end of year May celebration. The Rosary Apostolate has helped to strengthen the school and parish connection.

St. Margaret of Scotland C.E.S. - DPCDSB
Mississauga 1 Region

I feel that the children have a better awareness of the power of the Rosary. I feel the Catholicity of all the students has grown because of the presence of the Rosary Apostolates within our school. The students have benefited from the positive role models of the Rosary Apostolates. We receive feedback and it's always positive.

Our Lady of Good Voyage C.E.S. - DPCDSB
Mississauga 6 Region

Thank you for your spiritual leadership in our community. In the words of one of our parents, "I already see my daughter praying the Rosary herself in the evening". The crowning of Mary celebration was beautiful. Students were so attentive and receptive!

San Lorenzo Ruiz C.E.S. - DPCDSB
Mississauga 7 Region

Our association with the Rosary Apostolate has enriched the prayer life of all our staff and students, as well as strengthening our relationship with our Blessed Mother. More than this, I believe that the Apostolate connects our faith community to many of the more traditional aspects of our rich Catholic faith tradi-

tions which are often under-appreciated today. They are a blessing to our school.

St. Anne C.E.S. - DPCDSB
Brampton 1 Region

Children have learned to pray the Rosary, all about the Glorious Mysteries and the story of Our Lady of Fatima. Children have also learned to see prayer as a way of being close to God every day; something they can do on their own.

St. Alphonsa C.E.S. - DPCDSB
Brampton 4 Region

The infusion of the Rosary added to the Catholic nature of our school. The staff really appreciates the presence of the volunteers working with our kids.

St. Stephen C.E.S. - DPCDSB
Brampton 7 Region

We have received positive feedback from staff, students and parents. The Rosary Apostolate is a benefit to all our faith journeys.

St. Wilfred C.E.S. - DCDSB
Pickering Region

Both staff and students are very keen and positive regarding the Rosary Apostolate. We all look forward to our monthly visits.

Blessed Pope John Paul II C.E.S. - DCDSB
Brooklin Region

Students and staff look forward to their monthly time with the Rosary Apostolates. It has helped greatly to enhance their spiritual development.

St. Clement C.E.S. - YCDSB
Woodbridge 3 Region

The Rosary Apostolate adds a wonderful faith dimension to our school. Our students and staff look forward to our monthly visit. We continue to support the Rosary Apostolate.

St. Bernadette C.E.S. - SMCDSB
Barrie 1 Region

The Rosary Apostolate program has had a positive impact on our students. It is my belief that just having the number of volunteers of various ages demonstrates the importance of our faith at all ages. The kindness that is displayed by the apostolate team is fabulous for our students to observe and receive. The team comes to our school eager to share God's words with our students. I believe it is invaluable and such a positive experience. The team displayed deep faith, unconditional love and exuded genuine warmth to all of our students and staff. We greatly appreciate all they do.

Mother Teresa C.E.S. - SMCDSB
Bradford Region

There is very positive feedback from both staff and students. Staff talk about how knowledgeable and respectful the Rosary staff are. They also talk about how thorough the program is.

Students letters:

Dear Rosary Apostolate,
Thank you for all your prayers and blessings this year. Not only that, but all the time and effort you've committed to our class and school community. Each year since grade 3, I've enjoyed everyday you've come into our classes to teach us about Jesus and Mother Mary and pray the Rosary with us. I will miss praying the Rosary with such special and graceful people and all the spiritual celebrations when I leave and go to high school next year. So once again, thank you for all you've done, (the) time you've dedicated and effort you have committed.
God Bless, Cayla

Dear Rosary Team,
Thank you for volunteering your time, effort and teachings so we can learn how to pray the Rosary. The time you spent with us was priceless. Praying the Rosary has made me spiritually and physically closer to God. You have made learning about the Rosary easy. Thank you again and hope to see you all again in September!
Sincerely, Sarah

Dear Rosary Helpers,
Thank you for teaching us The Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous, [mysteries]. All 4 mysteries have taught us love, and helped us through miseries. You gave us your time, knowledge and faith too. Thank you for that.
It's the most valuable thing you can do. Thank you for your time, it has helped me through hard times. Times that were tough and times that were not manageable for me. Your time spent with us has helped me physically and mentally. It improved my praying habits. Thank you so much!
From: Barbara

What a parent said:

"I wanted to reach out to you and tell you how much I enjoyed watching the Rosary Apostolate's Our Lady of Fatima celebration on Monday morning. I was so moved and touched by how receptive the children were during the ceremony. It was beautiful. I applaud you for encouraging and organizing these events and I want to say a huge thank you! The effect these ceremonies and celebrations have on the children is profound; I already see my daughter praying the Rosary herself in the evenings."

Principals have said:

Peterborough Diocese

St. Mary, PVNCCDSB
Peterborough 8 (Lindsay)

The students enjoy interacting with the Rosary Visitors as they lead the students

through the Rosary prayers and develop a better understanding of the mysteries and the life of Jesus. Students acknowledge visitors in the community setting.

St. Luke, PVNCCDSB
Peterborough, 10 (Downeyville)

The Rosary Apostolate program is a positive and reinforcing extension of the Religion program. Not only has it helped students to learn the traditional prayers but has also helped them to understand the importance and significance of prayer.

Diocese of Hamilton

St. John Paul II C.E.S.- HCDSB
Oakville 1 Region

Feedback from staff and students has been extremely positive. Students enjoy time to slow down, reflect and pray. They also love to learn more about Mary, prayers and their faith. Teachers are also really enjoying this quiet time of reflection.

St. Vincent C.E.S. - HCDSB
Oakville 2 Region

This is the second year I have worked with the Rosary Apostolate at St. Vincent. It is terrific to see that parents from our school community are representatives too. A side "a"ffect/effect is the second year of a student Rosary club. There is a culture of great respect for Mary and the Rosary prayer.

Holy Family C.E.S. - HCDSB
Oakville 3 Region

It has been a pleasure having the team this year. They have provided a complimentary supplement to what the teachers do in class. Feedback from staff has been positive and the May Crowning was a beautiful ceremony to end their visits to the school.

Sacred Heart of Jesus C.E.S. - HCDSB
Burlington 1 Region

The Rosary Apostolate volunteers run a beautiful program for our students and staff. They remind us of the importance of Mother Mary in our lives. The Marian celebration is always done so beautifully with our special intentions and meaningful presentation.

Diocese of London

St. James C.E.S. - HPCDSB (Seaforth)
Huron 1 Region

Students are learning a deeper understanding of the Rosary and given the opportunity to pray it together building a stronger community of faith together.

St. Mary C.E.S. - HPCDSB (Goderich)
Huron 1 Region

We receive very positive feedback from parents, staff and students. The greatest benefit is the connection this makes with parish and school. In addition, this helps our students greatly, to learn how to pray!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel C.E.S. - HPCDSB (Dashwood) Huron 2 Region

As a Catholic community it is so important to share and teach our traditions and beliefs to our students such as praying the Holy Rosary. It sections out a consistent time to honour Mary, our Mother, with the amazing volunteers. It's one of our traditions that makes us different from other educational institutions.

St. Matthew C.E.S.– St. Clair CDSB
Sarnia 1 Region

It provides students a great opportunity to build their faith and connect with a wonderful group of our Catholic community members. The children look forward to the visits each month. It is an amazing form of prayer that many students do not always practice in their homes.

St. Patrick C.S.S.– St. Clair CDSB
Sarnia 1 Region

It I seek feedback from staff and students often almost without exception the impact has always been very positive. In fact, I am regularly surprised by just how highly staff and students speak of the Rosary Apostolate. No doubt, this program is a major blessing to our school.

Diocese of St. Catharine's

St. Andrew C.E.S. – NCDSB - Welland

Students have now become very comfortable in saying the Rosary. The Rosary Apostolates are often seen at our sacramental Masses for communion and confirmation. They are an important part of our school/church community.

St. Mary's C.E.S. – NCDSB - Welland

We have absolutely benefited from this program. It has helped to instill hope and faith into the daily lives of our students. The reflection that this has created among our staff and students has truly spilled over into our daily programming and interactions with one another.

Archdiocese of Ottawa

St. Jerome C.E.S. – OCCDSB Ottawa

We are grateful to have these wonderful ladies in our lives. The staff and students have learned to pray with lovely volunteers. We appreciate the time and dedication they show to us.

Prince of Peace C.E.S. – OCCDSB Ottawa

We are very satisfied. We really enjoyed and benefited from this program. We would like to continue next year.

Diocese of McKenzie Fort Smith
Weledeh C.E.S. YCDSB
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

The students look forward to and thoroughly enjoy the Rosary Apostolate program. It has helped reinforce the faith component in those grades.