



## 22 Years of Service!

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On behalf of the Mother of God, I thank you for making your schools, schools that pray together! Members of the Rosary Apostolate are called in a special way to be the "visitation of Mary" in the schools. Like the Virgin Mary they set out in haste as apostles of her Immaculate Heart. Their mission is to ignite with all the love of Mary's heart everyone they meet, and lead students to a deeper relationship of love for Jesus through prayer. Who is the Elizabeth they visit? All the children of God! What do they bring with them? Just as the Virgin Mary brought Jesus in her womb, Rosary Visitors bring Jesus! They bring students into the presence of Jesus through prayer. As John the Baptist leapt for joy when he recognized his Lord living in Mary, we hope to inspire students to leap with the Joy of Jesus! May every student magnify the Lord and rejoice in God, just as Mary did!

**Sr. Marilina Cinelli, C.P.**

**President**

### Principals have said:

#### Archdiocese of Toronto

##### Region: Scarborough 3

##### Precious Blood, C.E.S - TCDSB

Our students have grown in their knowledge of Marian devotion and use of the Rosary which has enriched their faith development. Our staff and students appreciate the efforts of the Rosary Apostolate.

##### Region: Scarborough 3

##### Senator O'Connor, C.H.S - TCDSB

Seeing students leave the chapel with tears from the powerful emotions and spiritual experience has been a powerful testimony for me of their wonderful work.

##### Region: Scarborough South East

##### St. Maria Goretti, C.E.S. - TCDSB

Prayer and communal prayer defines who we are as a school community as Catholics. We benefit from that greatly. Well organized and the staff and students liked the Canadian content in the video for the crowning of Mary.

##### Region: Toronto North

##### St. Cecilia, C.E.S - TCDSB

The program provided community building with connection with prayer and church.

- More awareness of our Lady and her rite in Catholicism.
- Students looked forward to it.
- Teachers saw positive results from praying.
- More kindness was shown.
- More friendship developed.

##### Region: Toronto North

##### Our Lady of Victory, C.E.S - TCDSB

The outreach of this group contrasts markedly with limited connection with our own church. It is incredibly important that our students have this tangible experience with the power of prayer. The staff and students appreciate the warm and caring and their consistent patience and commitment.

##### Region: North York 1

##### St. Charles Garnier, C.E.S - TCDSB

- To support student and adult faith formation
- A special way to teach children about the Rosary and the power of prayer
- Students demonstrate positive engagement
- Living Rosary as a culminating event was beautiful
- Thank you to the dedicated volunteers

##### Region: North York 5

##### Our Lady of Assumption, C.E.S TCDSB

- this program has taught our students and staff to pray the Holy Rosary and a love for Mother Mary
- has increased the virtue of peace, love and prayer among students.
- A deep appreciation fro the hard work these ladies do in a humble and loving way. Their love for Mary which is a powerful way to evangelize the gospel and catholic faith.



##### Region: North York South

##### St. Cosmos and Damian C.E.S -

##### TCDSB

The Rosary Apostolate Program has been of great support to our staff and students in strengthening and re-affirming our Catholic Faith through the Rosary and prayer. Staff and students truly enjoy coming together as a community of faith once monthly. The program re-affirms our values and virtues as people of Catholic Faith. We also look so forward to our yearly celebration of the Rosary and the Crowning of Mary.

##### Region: Whitby

##### St. Paul, C.E.S. - DCDSB

The community connection for students is very powerful. They see the Rosary Apostolate sharing the faith they see at home and at school. The children focus well on the structure of the program. Staff find the Rosary Apostolate well organized and positive with students. Staff support and welcome the program and the May Celebration.

##### Region: Whitby

##### St. Theresa, C.E.S. - DCDSB

This experience has helped build faith communities within our classrooms, as well as help our students understand how and why we pray the Rosary. Staff have shared that their students show a deeper understanding of the Rosary and students have shared their prayer intentions more openly.

##### Region: Brooklin

##### St. Leo, C.E.S. - DCDSB

The program supplements and supports our regular curriculum and provides a community connection with our faith. The final performance is regularly commented upon by older students as having been a highlight of their days in primary.

##### Region: Pickering

##### St. Wilfrid, C.S - DCDSB

Increased discussion amongst staff and students around faith. The benefit of the direct instruction from a caring adult above and beyond our regular staff. The addition of new voices in our classrooms and hallways sharing our faith and keeping our educational focus.





**Region: Angus**

**Our Lady of Grace, C.E.S - SMCD SB**

We are thrilled and excited to have the Apostolate. Their regular visits and formal prayer, complement our religious education program well. Staff and students look forward to the visit. We've added Christian Meditation to our daily routines that allows time for children to recite the rosary prayers.

**Region: Barrie 1**

**St. Joan of Arc, C.H.S - SMCD SB**

This program is a gift to our staff and students. The school looks forward to the Rosary Apostolate visitors. The quiet prayer time is needed and benefits the students greatly. Lots of positive feedback! Keep coming back please!

**Region: Barrie 1**

**St. Nicholas, C.E.S - SMCD SB**

Enrichment of the Religion and Family Life Programs-in particular a focus in Mysteries. A generous and heart-felt thank you.

**Region: Barrie 1**

**St. Mary's, C.E.S - SMCD SB**

An Appreciation of prayer and the understanding of the Rosary Mysteries. Love this program! The kids really grow in their appreciation of prayer.

**Region: Palgrave**

**Holy Family, C.E.S. - SMCD SB**

The dedication and commitment of our Apostolate were simply outstanding. Our staff and students have grown so much this past year. I am so indebted to the Apostolate for their contribution to Holy Family. Most definitely! Our staff and students love praying the rosary and having the Apostolates here.

**Region: Bradford**

**Mother Teresa C.E.S. - SMCD SB**

Understanding the significance of why we pray the rosary. Developing relationships with God through prayer. The teaching aligns our curriculum and is part of what makes a Catholic School. Children enjoy having the Apostolate come in every month to learn about Mary. Staff enjoy the relationship building between the Apostolate.

**Region: Woodbridge 2**

**St. John Bosco, C.E.S.- YCDSB.**

Students enjoy the Rosary visits. Great way to build and maintain relationships with school and church.

**Region: Woodbridge 3**

**St. Clement, C.E.S.- YCDSB**

A wonderful way of celebrating and developing our Catholic faith life. Students greatly look forward to monthly meets and we look forward to their return in September 2018. Our volunteers are warm and friendly and have established a wonderful support with students and staff at St. Clement.

**Region: Woodbridge 4**

**St. Clare of Assisi, C.E.S.- YCDSB.**

The ladies do an excellent job! We are blessed to have them at St. Clare.

**Region: Stouffville**

**St. Brendan, C.E.S. - YCDSB**

The volunteers put a lot of time into guiding St. Brendan students on praying the Rosary. We appreciate their dedication and commitment.

**Region: Mississauga 3**

**St. Sebastian, C.E.S. - DPCDSB**

The Rosary Apostolate program has allowed our students to enrich their faith in age appropriate ways. Staff have spoken highly of the experience. They valued it so much that a number of activities were rescheduled to allow their students to fully participate.

**Mississauga 4**

**St. John XXIII, C.E.S.- DPCDSB**

The Rosary Apostolate are a wonderful group that come in to lead our students in praying the rosary, and the crowning of Mary. Staff and students benefit greatly by the monthly visits from the Rosary Apostolate. We are blessed to have them at St. John XXIII.



**Mississauga 6**

**St. Gregory, C.E.S.- DPCDSB**

In teaching the Rosary to our students, the Rosary Apostolate provides greater insight into the teachings of the church. They provide an opportunity for our staff and students to pray in a meaningful manner and to understand the Rosary. All is positive. The volunteers are accommodating and knowledgeable. They are serious about their mission and are well respected by our students.

**Mississauga 10**

**St. Mark's, C.E.S.- DPCDSB**

The leaders of this program have inspired and taught our students in positive ways that give life and meaning to our Gospel values and our Holy Mother. Wow! Students, staff and parent community greatly appreciate the spiritual value this program brings to our school.

**Brampton 2**

**St. Anthony, C.E.S. - DPCDSB**

Deepening their Faith and understanding of it. The celebration of "Mary" was well done!

**Brampton 4**

**St. Monica's, C.E.S.- DPCDSB**

- heightened awareness of our faith
- further devotion, prayers, rosary, saints, and community.

Absolutely positive!

- students appreciate and respond to our Apostolate. Staff-heighten their awareness as well and commend and welcome our Apostolate and the messages and resources they bring.

**Brampton 5**

**St. Aidan, C.E.S.- DPCDSB**

We have been very blessed to have the Rosary Apostolate program visit St. Aidan this year. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students and staff to take time to pray the Rosary together as a community. Students are engaged and always excited to hear the Rosary Apostolate visitor returning every month.

**Brampton 6**

**Rev. Fr. Michael McGivney, C.S - DPCDSB**

Having the Rosary Apostolate program in our school has strengthened our community connection with the church and has allowed us to build on our faith with God. The Rosary Apostolate have also been creating a "positive experience of prayer". Thank you for gifts of prayer.



## Diocese of Hamilton

### Oakville 2

#### St. John, C.E.S - HCDSB

Students were given the opportunity to experience God's presence in prayer, celebrate our faith and traditions on a monthly basis, honour Mary, and build a closer relationship with God. Staff and students all enjoy their volunteer visits each month, and have become more prayerful and reverent during celebrations. Thank you!

### Oakville 3

#### Holy Family C.E.S - HCDSB

It teaches the children to pray from the heart and experience the power of the rosary. It gives them a deeper understanding of the meaning of the rosary and the themes associated. They enjoy the kind and loving volunteers that they see monthly. Staff appreciates how it compliments their Christian Mediation and religious teachings they do.

### Burlington 1

#### St. Christopher, C.E.S - HCDSB

It has given all the students a greater appreciation and understanding for the Rosary.

- Kids seem to like it "very engaged".
- Rosary Apostolate staff are organized, dedicated and enjoy what they share with students.

### Georgetown

#### Holy Cross, C.E.S - HCDSB

Holy Cross School has benefited from the Rosary Apostolate Visitors in many ways. Staff and Students have grown in their understanding of and reverence for the Rosary. In addition we as a school have forged a deeper bond with the visitors as parishioners of Holy Cross Church.

### Stoney Creek - HWCDSD

#### Immaculate Heart of Mary, C.E.S.

- Unique experience to see our Faith in Action in community, Parish, and School environment.
- Staff and students have really enjoyed their visits in the classroom and the coronation of Mary
- Wonderful comments and support for the work that these volunteers have done for our community.

## Diocese of London

### Sarnia-1

#### Holy Trinity, C.E.S. - St. Clair CDSB

Students are given additional opportunity to practice their faith through prayer. Teachers appreciate the expertise of our Rosary volunteers and their organized, efficient program delivery. Students are given the opportunity to enter into prayer in a very purposeful way through the work of our Rosary Apostolate.

### Huron 1

#### St. Mary's, C.S - HPCDSB

In so many ways! Students need heroes, students need role models and students need prayer in their lives. This program shows students real heroes and roles model had it helps inspire a like of prayer. I love this program!!! Thank you!

### Huron 1

#### St. Joseph's, C.E.S. - HPCDSB

- Enhance faith life of our school to promote prayer.
- Exposure to other adults in the community who model Catholic values.
- Volunteers are well organized and try to be engaging with the students.
- Thank you to our Rosary Apostolate volunteers for giving of your time and your faith to be positive role models to our students at St. Joe's.

### Huron 2

#### Precious Blood, C.E.S. - HPCDSB

It is a very positive experience for our students. Our Apostolate volunteers are very approachable, accepting, and kind in their approach to leading our students in prayer of the rosary.

### Perth 1

#### St. Ambrose, C.E.S. - HPCDSB

Wonderful faith formation and school and parish connection. The length of time fits well with the different age groups and the volunteers are very consistent and concise in their message. Thank you!



## Diocese of St. Catharine's

### Welland 1

#### St. Andrew, C.E.S. - NCDSB

Our students received great role modelling from the members of our Rosary Apostolate. They were very organized in scheduling and flexible when changes were needed. The Rosary Apostolate contributed to our schools faith development and the importance of prayer in our daily lives.

**Grade 2 student:** "We never want them to leave".

**Grade 4 student:** "Thank you for teaching us about Jesus".

**Grade 8 student:** "Well organized and I liked how visual the Living Rosary was".

**Staff member:** "Great role models for our students!"

### Welland 2

#### Holy Name, C.E.S. - NCDSB

All students have benefited greatly because of the prayer and program. Students are very receptive and appreciative to have them in our classes. Staff and students were very happy with the Rosary Apostolate. It was a great addition to our school and we are glad to continue with the services this amazing group has provided.

## Archdiocese of Ottawa

### Ottawa

#### St. John XXIII, C.E.S. – OCDSB

Our students have learned about the mysteries. They have developed their faith. It is very helpful for the staff. The students really enjoyed the final celebration. Saying the whole rosary together was a moving experience.

### Ottawa

#### St. Gemma, C.E.S. – OCDSB

- Enhanced our Catholic Faith
- Supports curriculum
- Staff said volunteers were very good with classes and students.

### Ottawa

#### Fr. F.J. MacDonald, C.E.S. – OCDSB

- Saying the rosary as a class gives us the opportunity to build community and to learn the prayers.
- It is important that our students are aware and is comfortable with intercession to Mary.
- Students learn about scripture through the 4 Mysteries

**Teachers:** The opportunity to work as a community, in partnership with the parish is very rewarding.

**Grade 6 Student:** I get to pray at school because I do not get to do it at home.



**Diocese of McKenzie Fort  
Smith**

**Weledeh C.E.S. YCDSB  
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories**

This program has been a great addition to our already solid Religion program.



**Letters from Students:**

Dear Rosary Team,

"My name is Antonio and I go to St. Cecilia Catholic school. I enjoyed your visits because you talked about the word of God. My family doesn't pray the Rosary, so when you come I get to pray. I would like to tell you that I'm very grateful for you guys volunteering your free time for us. We all enjoyed your visits. Thank you!"

"Sometimes, its not about the words you say, but how you say it. I am always amazed at how much positivity you bring to our class and I just want to say thank you! Thank you for being a role model for us kids. Thank you for being true and honest. Thank you for giving us life lessons. Thank you!" William

"Praying the Rosary will change your life," your quote. You changed my life! Good day Kevin, I'm here to say thank you. Ever since you have come to our school you have made my day. Day after day I wonder when you will come. In conjunction with that, ever since you have come, you made me a different person. I really just want to thank you for your time and hope you will be coming back. May God bless you forever and ever!  
Nicholas

Dear Rosary Team,  
"I thank you, the Rosary team, for coming to our school every year and month to pray the Rosary. I thank you because now I pray the Rosary everyday of the week and I always think of Mary. I have learned a lot like how to pray and about Christ in the past."  
Nicole

"I thank you truly, within my heart though its very dark, your very sharp. You taught me truly about the Rosary. It will always be stuck in my memory. I will grab any opportunity if I can pray the Holy Rosary. You taught me more how Jesus loves us, He sacrificed His life for us. You made me understand that Jesus is a loving man. I adore your passion. God truly gave you a mission and you made a decision to volunteer to teach about the Lord and mamma Mary. Now, I am aware that the Rosary is a lovely prayer. Once again I thank you."  
Angel

"When I say the Hail Mary, I always feel loved."  
Vernice

"Thank you for letting us choose the right path to God."  
Joshua

"It's amazing when we pray the Rosary. We do not just say it, you embrace it and tell us stories which we will always remember and cherish."  
Nicholas

"Every month you come to our school learn something new. You teach us to respect and treat not only our friends and family but people we don't recognize. Praying the Rosary helps me when I most need the help. You have inspired me to put myself out into the world and to just be a proud soul!"  
Evelyn

You are definitely someone to look up to, as you have taught me that no matter what, God will answer your prayers some how."  
Sofia

"Thank you for teaching us more about the Rosary and bringing it closer to our hearts. You have been a great role model to our class. You have taught me that the Rosary is really important because it gets you closer to God."  
Luca

"Your devotion to the Hail Mary and belief in its excellence is beautiful. Saying each word deeply and thoughtfully; Including each and every one of us along with it. You are the highlight of our month!" Nick



Dear Rosary Team,  
"The past few months have been great having you here. When you and your team did the Rosary Celebration in the gym, I was very impressed and surprised to see all the roses shaped like a Rosary! You taught us the story of Our Lady of the Cape, and I learned so much how she was crowned the Queen of Canada. Thank you so much for coming and for your lovely celebration!"  
Anna

"The celebration I liked the most was the one in the gym. You guys decorated it so beautifully and the music was so peaceful and relaxing. Also, the movie was really interesting. Thank you!"  
Andrew

"What I really liked, that we got to say Hail Mary in front of everyone. This gives us confidence to pray and know it better, so I thank you very much and hope to see you again."  
Kathy

"Thank you all for volunteering to set up the Rosary festival in our school, and coming to our class to pray the Rosary with us. A lot of us do not have time to pray the Rosary at home, but you gave us the chance to pray the Rosary together. I really enjoyed the story of Our Lady of the Cape, the statue, roses and the whole celebration! I learned confidence in praying out loud."  
Paul

