



Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board
Believing, Achieving, Serving

March 20, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians:

To begin Catholic Education Week 2024 – “We are Called to Love” on **Sunday, May 5th, 2024** students and staff of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board will be participating in our eighteenth annual **Pilgrimage “Walk with Christ - Justice for the Poor,”** an event that will raise money to support development projects in Uganda, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. In addition, funds will be set aside for the Holy Childhood Society and the Development and Peace Emergency Appeal Fund. Staff of the secondary and elementary schools are working with teams of students to plan the event. The pilgrimage raises awareness of the injustice of world hunger, and inadequate health care, shelter, and education. As a Catholic school community, the pilgrimage gives us the opportunity to do what our Lord Jesus Christ asks of us: to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8).

Attached, please find the following forms attached: **Forms A, B and C (Parent/Guardian Information Form for Out-of-School Learning Experiences, Permission Form for Out-of-School Learning Experiences, and Informed Consent Form for Out-of-School Learning Experiences)**. Once you have signed these forms and they are returned to **Bishop Ryan CSS** your child will be given a pledge sheet. Your child is then asked to obtain pledges prior to the Pilgrimage. We ask parents not to permit children from going door to door but to acquire pledges from family and friends. All pledge sheets and money must be handed in by **Friday May 3, 2024**. If your child is unable to participate in the pilgrimage, please return the pledge form. We ask that your son or daughter return completed intent to participate forms to their school by **April 22, 2024**.

The “Pilgrimage Route” and “Outline of the Day” is set out on the reverse of this page. The event will begin with a Eucharistic Liturgy celebrated at **11:00 a.m. at Cathedral High School. All students are encouraged to pack nut free snacks and bring a filled re-useable water bottle.** We hope to arrive at **St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Elementary School for the Final Blessing at 2:00 p.m.**

Transportation on school buses from and returning to **Bishop Ryan CSS** will be provided for the pickup and drop-off of students and parent/guardian volunteers. If transportation is required, please indicate on the accompanying permission form. Specific times and locations will be made available in the near future, as schedules are prepared centrally.

We welcome and invite parents/guardians to take part in this very special day. Parent/Guardian volunteers are required to be marshals along the route and to help with registration and refreshments. If you are interested in participating in any way, please indicate this on the attached “Permission Form.” A staff member from our school will be in touch with you.

If your child is willing to participate in this wonderful act of Christian Service, please read all information sheets carefully and **sign all of the permission forms attached**. Thank you for your interest and cooperation. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to call the school at **(905) 573-2151 ext 3320**

Sincerely, Mrs Thompson & Ms. Aguila (Bishop Ryan Chaplaincy)

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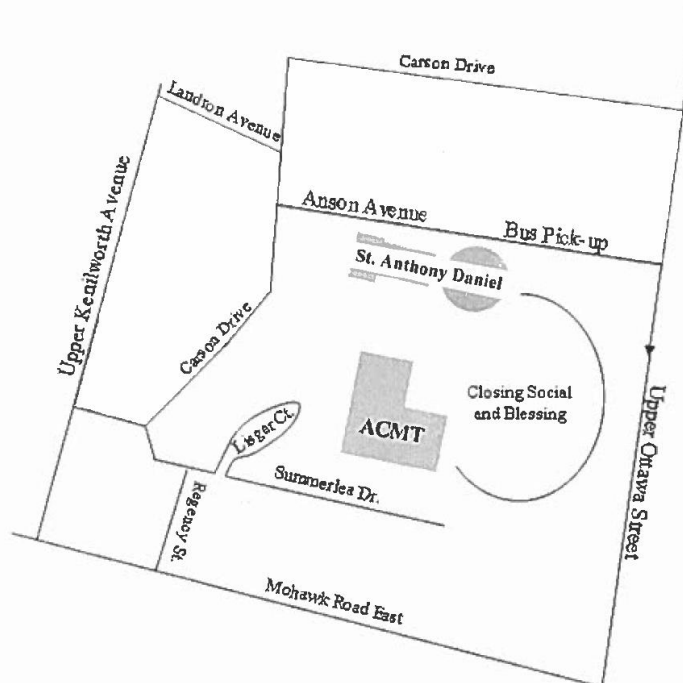


Outline of the Day

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Secondary Students not on buses registration – Cathedral High School
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Liturgy at Cathedral High School.
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Walk from Cathedral High School along Rail Trail to St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Elementary School.
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Arrive at St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Elementary School/ Final Blessing/Departure

Pilgrimage Route

- ⇒ Start at Cathedral High School, 30 Wentworth Street North, Hamilton
- ⇒ Walk Southbound along Wentworth Street toward Rail Trail
- ⇒ Enter Rail Trail at Wentworth Street
- ⇒ Walk along Rail Trail to St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Elementary School, 75 Anson Avenue, Hamilton
- ⇒ Marshals and posted signs will direct participants to St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Elementary School for the Final Blessing and Departure
- ⇒ **The total distance is 8 kilometers. The approximate time to walk is 1 hour.**



NOTE:

The following intersections will be blocked for bus pick-up.

- Anson Avenue and Carson Drive
- Landron Avenue and Carson Drive