

OUR MISSION

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ. We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.

OUR VISION

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.



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To: Regular Board Meeting, November 21, 2024

From: Mike Del Grande, Trustee Ward 7

Subject: Notice of Motion – Prayer to Saint Michael The Archangel

MOVED BY: Trustee Mike Del Grande, Toronto Catholic District School Board. Seconded by

WHEREAS: Archangel Michael is God's top angel, leading all the angels in heaven. He is also known as St. Michael. Michael means "*Who is like God?*"

St. Michael's main characteristics are exceptional strength and courage. Michael fights for good to prevail over evil and empowers believers to set their faith in God on fire with passion. He protects and defends people who love God. The faithful often implore St. Michael's help to gain the courage they need to overcome their fears, obtain strength to resist temptations to sin and instead do what is right and stay safe in dangerous situations.

St. Michael holds the distinction of being featured more often than any other named angel in major religious texts. The Torah, Bible, and Qur'an all mention Michael. The Bible describes Michael in Revelation 12:7-12 leading armies of angels that battle Satan and his demons during the world's last conflict. The Bible says Michael and angelic troops finally emerge victorious, which also mentions in 1 Thessalonians 4:16 that Michael will accompany Jesus Christ when he returns to Earth;

WHEREAS: St. Michael The Archangel is the Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Toronto;


WHEREAS: The Archdiocese of Toronto led by Archbishop Emeritus Cardinal Thomas Collins and Archbishop Cardinal-Designate Francis Leo have encouraged all parishes to recite the St. Michael Prayer in Sunday Masses across the Archdiocese; and

WHEREAS: The Toronto Catholic District School Board has not formally approved of the Prayer to St. Michael The Archangel at its meetings.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Prayer to St. Michael The Archangel will be recited in public at least once a month at any Board Committee and/or Board Meeting.

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the
wickedness and snares
of the Devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray,
and do thou,
o Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

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