



# HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC

District School Board

## Opening or Closing Exercises

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### **BELIEF STATEMENT:**

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board believes that opening or closing exercises shall contribute to the building of a vibrant Catholic community through prayer (blessing, adoration, petition, intercessions, thanksgiving and praise).<sup>1</sup> The Board believes that nurturing an allegiance to Canada is important so its graduates can contribute to the common good in a just society where the dignity of the human person, created in the image and likeness of God can prevail.

*“The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service.” St. Teresa of Calcutta<sup>2</sup>*

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

It is the policy of the Board that all schools shall begin each day with a morning prayer.

Prayers in Catholic schools are rooted in the Catholic faith and include blessings, adorations, petitions, intercession, thanksgiving and praise. Schools shall consider the liturgical calendar, the saints of the day and feast days when selecting prayers and scripture passages; the selection of prayers shall intend to encourage a vital and personal relationship with God. Prayers should always begin by marking ourselves with the Sign of the Cross.

It is the policy of the Board that all schools shall begin each day with the singing of *O Canada*.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

- N/A

### **REFERENCES:**

- PPM 108
- O.Reg. 435/00 Opening or Closing Exercises
- Directory for Catechesis
- YOUCAT
- The Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Directory for Catechesis - Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization (2020)
- YOUCAT: Youth Prayer Book, Ignatius Press (2011)

## RESOURCES, APPENDICES AND FORMS:

- N/A