



## **Cristina Peter: Student Witness to Faith**



My name is Cristina Peter; I am currently working towards my Bachelor of Education at OISE in the University of Toronto. As a former student, educated in the Toronto Catholic District School Board, I am a strong supporter of the TCDSB and Catholic Education in Ontario and hope to be a high school teacher (of Biology and English) with the TCDSB in the future.

I try to use the gifts and opportunities I have been given to contribute to my surrounding community by helping others. Whether I am involved in my faith community (through teaching Sunday School, celebrating mass each week, serving at Out of the Cold shelters, and attending church fundraiser and events), or becoming an active participant in other communities, such as my school and residential communities, I allow Catholic Values to inform my actions. I strongly believe that “bearing witness to the Catholic faith” does not end when one exits the church on Sunday. Bearing witness is a continuous way of living our Catholic faith through our daily actions.

In living a life based on Jesus, I hope to lead by example and live up to my responsibility as a role model to my current and future students. As a teacher, I believe I have a responsibility to inspire my students, through my own actions, to live a life based on Jesus’ teachings so that they can act as role models for those around them and we can grow in faith together as a school community

### **What advice do you have for a young Catholic finding ways to express their faith?**

Do not be afraid to question! Doubt is an opportunity to question, learn, and grow more in your faith! We all have moments in our lives when we are trying to live out our faith, but falter in our confidence. When you find yourself faltering, ask questions (talk to someone you trust: your priest, teacher, parent, sibling...) and in asking these questions, you will develop in your faith and be able to live it more deeply.