

## Parents in Prayer Group

The *Parents in Prayer* group (PIP) have been meeting regularly in our Catholic schools to pray for staff, students and families since 1997. They pray for the protection of the schools as well as for the guidance of the Holy Spirit within the schools. In some Religion classes the children are given the opportunity to write out personal requests for the group to pray over. The group is also frequently contacted with requests to pray for personal needs. Confidentiality of all involved is always respected.

The *Parents in Prayer* generally meet at 10 AM on the third Monday of each month, in the staff room, library or chapel of the school – wherever there is a little space. They pray the Rosary, offer up any special intentions and reflect on the Gospel reading of the day. Meetings rarely last longer than an hour and are often followed by a cup of coffee, or even lunch.

The original intent of the group was to pray in all of the Catholic Schools. However, as the years have gone by the group finds it is only praying in the schools where their own children attend. There are some schools in the district that have not had the prayer group in attendance for many years.

With this in mind the PIP group would like to suggest that school Principals bring this prayer group to the attention of parents, not in the School Newsletter but in a more personal way – we would suggest discussing it at Parent Council. Talk about it, choose a date when you would like to have the group in to your school, and pick a few volunteers to attend the monthly meetings. New volunteers do not have to lead the group or even know how to pray the Rosary! In fact, they do not even have to be parents. Aunts, Uncles, Grandparents and Guardians (and even Principals) are all welcome to join. Those with small children are encouraged to bring them along – they add so much to the fun!

Please contact Sharon Wanke at 780-922-3012 or [shwanke@rogers.com](mailto:shwanke@rogers.com) to book the group in your school or for more information.

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Ephesians 6:18*