

STELLA MARIS CHURCH MINISTRIES

Sunday School Ministry

The story of the Sunday School for Stella Maris Parish began with a gathering of children in "Big Yard" in Grants Pen. This was also the place in which the now Stella Maris Church would have begun as a mission in the Diocese of Kingston. The now Stella Maris Sunday School was founded by the late Fr. Gerald Curley, an Irish Diocesan Priest who was stationed at Holy Cross Church. It was the desire of the Priest and the Members of the Legion of Mary in that Church Community to teach children the Catholic Faith. This sent them exploring for a place which they eventually found in the Grants Pen Community.

At Stella Maris Church, Children's Sunday School is geared towards fostering spiritual growth, community development and fellowship of our Catholic children. The children in our Sunday School are prepared for the sacraments of initiation: Baptism/Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.

Parents can register their children from age four, where they enter into pre-school and kindergarten. By age eight, children complete First Communion. This is a two year programme. This is a pivotal time in the life of a Catholic where they experience the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Confirmation is a three year programme. In this sacrament they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and are strengthened in their Christian life.