



"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

Holy Family Religious Education K-10 Curriculum Guidelines

The K-10 *Curriculum Guidelines for Parish Religious Education* here at Holy Family were written in an effort to provide our parents/guardians and catechists with a list of criteria that could be achieved in a parish program that meets for approximately twenty-six hours per year. (Our Faith Formation classes are held weekly from late September to early May with time off to observe various religious and government holidays.)

Most major textbook publishers deal with the topics identified in the guidelines. However, no single textbook series follows the curriculum precisely. Therefore, to provide consistency and continuity in scope and sequence, it is best to use the same major textbook series with related support materials for each grade. In this way most of the curriculum will be covered.

The Curriculum Guidelines are also cross-referenced with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) indicated by a number in parenthesis.

The textbook is not the sole source of catechesis. When a child is baptized, he/she enters a relationship with Jesus and becomes a member of the church community. At the same time, the whole parish community including parents, catechists, priests and parishioners assume the responsibility to nurture the child's growth in faith.

Our Holy Family Religious Education Office believes strongly in the relationship between Scripture and the Eucharist. We follow a liturgy-based program using the ***Pflaum Gospel Weeklies Faith Formation Program*** for our K-8 students. These weekly lessons flow from the words of Jesus Christ in the Sunday Gospels. Children learn their faith—including formation in doctrine, sacraments, commandments, and prayer—within the rhythms and seasons of the Liturgical Year, encouraging a growing participation in the life of the parish community.

Our ninth and tenth graders continue their formation using wonderful text from Loyola Press entitled: ***Called to Be Catholic*** and ***Confirmed in the Spirit***.

The curriculum guidelines for each grade are divided into *six areas*:

- 1) The goal,
- 2) The children/youth will learn to,
- 3) The children/youth will understand that,
- 4) The children/youth will have the opportunity to and
- 5) The parents are asked to.
- 6) The final area is a prayer list for each grade level. There will be prayers to be memorized and prayers that the students need to be exposed to.