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2009-'10 Schedule Outline

October 5 – Intergenerational Assembly
October 19 – Grade level assemblies
October 26 - Intergenerational Assembly

November 9 - Grade level assemblies
November 16 - Grade level assemblies
November 23 - Grade level assemblies
Nov. 30 - Intergenerational Assembly

December 7 – Advent Penance Service
December 14 - Grade level assemblies

January 4 - Grade level assemblies
January 11 – Intergenerational Assembly
January 25 - Grade level assemblies

February 1 - Grade level assemblies
February 8 – Intergenerational Assembly
February 22 - Grade level assemblies

March 1 - Grade level assemblies
March 8 - Grade level assemblies
March 15 – Lenten Penance Service
March 22 - Intergenerational Assembly

April 12 – Grade level assemblies
April 19 - Intergenerational Assembly
April 26 - Grade level assemblies

May 3 - Grade level assemblies
May 10 – Intergenerational Assembly
May 17 – Grade level assemblies
May 24 - Grade level assemblies

(Kindergarten and Junior High/Senior High Schedule
available on a separate sheet)

Holy Disciples' Whole Community Catechesis “BREATHE”

Offering an
intergenerational
learning experience for
our parish families!



Welcome to the 2009-10
Faith Formation Year!

Why Whole Community Catechesis?

Whole Community Catechesis is a new framework within which parish-wide faith sharing happens. With this method of faith formation the whole parish is involved in learning and sharing about our faith. Households of the parish become the main focus of parish programs. Home is where faith is lived and shared. Through the household, religious education becomes the stuff of real, everyday living.

This trend in faith formation has been evolving for 20 years, and we feel this is the right time to embrace it here at Holy Disciples. There are many influences on our families. We live in a society that is no longer predominantly Christian, but is made up of many faiths. There are more demands on our time and energy, and various media are influencing our ideas and values, whether we like it or not.

We want to create a time and space in which families can *breathe* – can take a deep breath, and be renewed in their faith.

What does this look like at Holy Disciples?

- Whole parish assemblies will be held one Monday/month, preceded by a pot luck supper, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Grade-level assemblies (grades 1-6) will be held on Mondays, generally twice a month: October thru May, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Kndgr. classes will meet Sat. 4:00-4:45 pm & Sun., 9:30-10:15 am
- Each child (K thru grade 6) will have a mentor as a companion
- Child care will be available in the nursery for children under age 5
- Jr. High & High School youth will meet 2 Sunday afternoons/month

What is a mentor?

A mentor is a person who will spend 1½ hours, twice a month, attending grade level assemblies with a child. Mentors assist and help children live their faith. A mentor may be a parent, aunt, uncle, grandparent, Godparent, parishioner, neighbor (16+ years).

Do I have to be Catholic to be a mentor?

No. We recognize that our families live in households with multi-faith traditions. Non-Catholic mentors are always welcome.

Here are some ways Whole Community Catechesis supports households of faith:

- In assemblies, all present are actively involved in taking the information presented and integrating it in their lives. Adults help children to understand concepts, and children help adults continue to grow in faith. As children grow, exchange of faith becomes mutual and each individual gives and receives.
- Adults can reconnect to their faith in a non-threatening way and see faith through the eyes of a child.
- Busy parents will have a chance to connect intentionally with their child and their faith. In a given month we have access to 720 hours. We spend 240 hours sleeping, 110 in school, 90 eating, and so on. Barely time to *breathe*! We are asking for just a few hours of your time each month to take a deep breath, as we share our faith.
- Together we will explore practical ways for households to make connections between their faith and their lives.