

Whole Community Catechesis

Lifelong Intergenerational Faith Formation

**Information and Program Calendar
2010 – 2011**



**Saint Anne Parish
Pleasant Prairie
Wisconsin**

A New Way of Learning

The **General Directory for Catechesis**, the Church's guide to faith formation, clearly states that in order for faith to grow the first element that is necessary is conversion. This is a necessary part of faith that cannot be taught from textbooks.

The **General Directory for Catechesis** tells us that conversion to Jesus Christ must precede catechesis. And conversion is often not part of what we do in religious education. We talk about Christ in our classes, and pray, and try to help our students understand how Christ is in the Church. But knowing about Christ and actually meeting Christ are two very different things.

Conversion to Christ precedes catechesis. And once experienced, it is conversion, not facts or knowledge, that lead a person to undertake his or her journey of faith. A person who has not yet really met Jesus Christ and decided to follow Christ can sit in a classroom and study religion, but until there is conversion, that person will not be a dedicated follower of Christ.

Whole Community Catechesis is one way you may discover Jesus in your life, your family, and your community.

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Intergenerational Faith Formation For All

What Is Whole Community Catechesis?

Whole Community Catechesis is a formation process in which adults and children explore and experience our faith and practice in a variety of activities and formats. A radical departure from programs that teach children and youth “facts” about the faith, Whole Community Catechesis invites everyone – child and youth and adult – to learn about our faith and its practices while coming to understand how our faith grows throughout our lives.

Each month we focus on a selected topic from our faith and heritage. Our sessions include a light dinner, prayer, lessons directed to age groups, intergenerational experiences, and “take-home” materials designed to expand and reinforce the month’s topic.

For information about Whole Community Catechesis, our schedule, and registration procedure contact Ed Duncklee, the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation
262-694-0026
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Whole Community Catechesis

How Does It Work?

What we do in Whole Community Catechesis is invite our participants into prayer and fellowship and conversation and conversion. This happens when:

- ✚ Over dinner we talk about aspects of faith and religious practices that have shaped our lives and are dear to us.
- ✚ In lessons we explore Catholic teaching and practice and examine the role they have in our lives.
- ✚ In discussion we share with others how our faith is lived day-to-day.
- ✚ In our take-home resources we continue the discussions and learning with our families and friends; we find opportunities to bring our faith formation home.
- ✚ In the integration of lessons, sharing, and prayer we open our hearts to continued conversion – making Christ come alive every day.

We invite every member of our community to come and experience the power and the joy that may be found in Whole Community Catechesis.

Whole Community Catechesis 2010 – 2011 Schedule

Whole Community Catechesis meets
on the 1st Wednesday of each month
from 5:45 to 7:45 pm.

Sessions include dinner, intergenerational learning, and take-home lessons.

October 6th

Family Saints

*Learn about men and women who became saints while raising a family.
Identify the saints in your life!*

November 3rd

Life, Death, and the End of the World

Winter approaches, the Church focuses on the end of time, death and suffering are all around us. Why are we People of Hope?

December 1st

Advent Lessons, Customs, and Practices

Explore and learn about some of the rich traditions of the season designed to bring Christ into your life and home.

January 5th

The Creed – Living What We Believe

*The Creed is more than a prayer or a list of important beliefs,
it is roadmap to God and salvation*

February 2nd

Lent – A Journey to Life

*Lent is much more than "giving up stuff" or saying extra prayers;
it is a 40 Day journey from slavery to freedom in Christ.*

March 2nd

Catholic Morality and Popular Culture

*Every day we are challenged by TV, movies, and the stuff of daily life
to "choose between what is right and what is easy."*

April 6th

Passion and Death in the Gospels

*The Gospels present different accounts
yet the same story of love, sacrifice, and our salvation.*

May 4th

Traditional Catholic Prayers & Rituals

*How well do you know the vast richness of our Catholic tradition of prayer
and religious practice? How can you build up your "domestic church"?*

Special Needs

Please list any information (i.e. learning disabilities, medications, allergies, etc.) we should know which will help us serve your family as best we can. Please indicate which member has special needs.

Adult Assistance

I would like to assist Whole Community Catechesis with:

- Meal Preparation (need to be at the parish one hour early)
- Small Group Leader (help small groups when we break into age groups)
- Session Clean-up (stay after to clean up and put away materials)

Photo Release Statement

I hereby grant permission to Saint Anne Parish, Pleasant Prairie, WI, to use photos of our family for parish publications, including the Saint Anne's website, without further considerations.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Materials Fee

In order to defray expenses, we ask each family participating in Whole Community Catechesis to contribute a material fee. **The fee for a full year is \$120 for a family or \$75 for a single individual.** No one is denied faith formation due to an inability to pay; contact us about waived or reduced fees. For fee assistance or questions about Whole Community Catechesis, call the Faith Formation Office 262-694-0026.

Return completed registration and fee to:

Saint Anne Faith Formation
9091 Prairie Ridge Blvd
Pleasant Prairie WI 53158

(Check should be made payable to Saint Anne Parish)

*Because Whole Community Catechesis is on-going,
you may begin participating in sessions any month.
You have the flexibility to attend any session in a month
if you are not able to attend the session for which you register.*