

FAITH EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT
21 September 2008

Mission Statement:

We, the members of the Faith Education Committee, believe that God has called all Catholics to strengthen their understanding of their faith in order to live it more fully. It is this committee's desire to instill and nurture a deeper love and understanding of Christ's Church on Earth.

Inspiration:

We are inspired by Christ, Himself.

Mat 28:19-20: *Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.*

2 Pet 1:19: *Moreover, we possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it, as a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.*

2 Tim 4: 1-2: *I charge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the work; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.*

Focus:

Our focus for the 2009 year will develop from the Nicene Creed, which is our faith distilled into just a few lines. *"The words of the creed are precise, with diamond-like clarity and cut. For it is here, that we proclaim doctrines for which Christian citizens of the Roman Empire suffered imprisonment and death. The creed is the "Faith of our Fathers" that is living still."*

Scott Hahn, *The Lamb's Supper* pg. 50.

Action Items:

To accomplish this task, we propose four action items for 2009.

1) Continuing Religious Education to children enrolled in State Schools. This will also be extended to children in non-government schools who have missed receiving the sacraments at the appropriate age. We would also like to assist the OLSH College in sacramental preparation.

Facilitator: Sister Bertha

2) Small Group Bible Studies. We will secure a Catholic Bible Study that would allow people to meet in the comfort of their homes and follow a prescribed course.

Facilitator: Pat Monahan

3) Apologetics Classes. We will offer our parishioners a six week evening class starting in February 09 to educate them on the basics of our faith and how to answer common questions.

Facilitator: Patty Kuntz

4) Prayer Groups: We will offer our parishioners opportunities to experience the power of prayer. We will follow the *Christian Life Community* program which gives a focus to the meetings and scripture to contemplate.

Facilitator: Sister Helen

Conclusion:

These are the Action Items we feel we can accomplish in the year 2009. We will consistently monitor our progress and assess our programs as we strive to have our parishioners attain a better understanding of the Creed. We will have further assessments near the end of 2009 to plan for 2010.

Respectfully submitted by the Faith Education Committee for the Parish Assembly.