

Saint Teresa Religious Education Program began with those Wednesday afternoon classes once known as CCD. During the 1980's new methods of instruction and the presence of Lay Catechists (Religion Teachers) made it necessary for religious education to take place in our school building on Saturday mornings.

During the past thirty years almost 10,000 students have come to prepare for sacraments and to learn the essential truths of our Catholic Faith. This year 345 children are registered in our program. Each Saturday 18 teachers and 39 teens gather to lead the children in prayer, play and catechetical instruction. We are always eager to welcome adults who will help us share our faith with the children.

Four years ago, the parish initiated a learning event called *THE PARISH ASSEMBLY*. On two Sundays each year, Adults and Children come to celebrate Mass, listen to a theological presentation, discuss our beliefs and share a meal. Watch the bulletin for upcoming dates and do come to our next Parish Assembly.

The parish has been blessed with a steady stream of adults called to membership in the Roman Catholic Church. Adults who seek baptism and those who desire to receive the sacraments of Confirmation or Communion join with baptized Catholics to share prayer, to learn Catholic doctrine and to engage in the work of the Church. This process and the liturgical ceremonies which mark growth in the faith are called, *The Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults*. Catechetical instruction, shared prayer and ministry are elements of this important educational project.

Would you like to learn more about any of these wonderful works of love and the people who labor to make the Word of God alive here at Saint Teresa? Here are the names and numbers of people to contact.

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