

CHRIST OUR LIGHT FAITH FORMATION 7th & 8th GRADE

- To bring students together in community, engaging families; while sharing faith in a less structured atmosphere.
- The ultimate goal is transformation of hearts and minds.

MODEL-

- **Group A: Sept- Dec- Weekly Wed. Classes**
- **6:30p.m. - ARRIVE @ RCSSCHOOL CAFETERIA**
- **Jan-April: Community Based Program***

- **Group B: Sept-Dec- Community Based Program***
- **Jan-April: Weekly Wed. Classes**
- **6:30p.m. - Arrive @ RCSSCHOOL CAFETERIA**

Community Based Program*- Students participate in all the activities below:

A. Retreat- (do one retreat, several will be offered throughout the year)

B. Stewardship- (do at least one stewardship activity)

C. Youth Group - (do at least one Youth Group event)

d. Journaling- (respond to each faith experience for instance service: what happened to you? What did you enjoy? What was difficult for you? What gifts did you receive? How will you share these gifts with others? What will you pray for on this day?)

Journals will contain: scripture passages, readings etc.

Respond to questions on each activity A, B and C

Journal will include opportunities to write and draw.

Parents will authenticate via writing that journals were completed. This activity will serve as a great testimonial of faith within each family.

➤ **6:30 – 7:00p.m. – DINNER: Sacred Community Time**

- Students will be encouraged to sit in groups of 6.
- Cell phone use is not permitted for YFF.
- At each table we will have a catechist, leader or parent.
- Students will be welcomed and all will share in community.
- Prior to eating we pray a meal blessing.
- Students are invited to the buffet line.
- Volunteer parents will prep meals and serve weekly.
- Students will clear tables when dinner is over orderly.
- Siblings are welcome to join us for dinner.

➤ **7:00p.m. – SESSIONS: Active Engagement**

- Students will be divided into small groups for classes. These groups will rotate through 3 catechists.
- Catechists will begin the academic session with the Question of the Week located in the church bulletin.
- Following Reflection the evening's lesson will be taught.

➤ **8:00p.m. – LARGE GROUP**

- Large group is comprised of students and catechists coming together for an activity ie: making sandwiches, indoor garden, or for a general lesson on a specific topic eg. hunger, justice, faith.

➤ **GENERAL INFO**

- Parental involvement is highly welcomed and encouraged.
- All families are asked to participate in the preparation of food, serving food, and maintaining the pantry.
- Essential Questions are assigned every week and answered through the student's reflection using Edmodo.
- In a spirit of Stewardship all families are encouraged to become active participants in the liturgical life of the parish by attending weekly Mass, and by sharing their time, talent and treasure.
- Misbehavior is unacceptable and will result in a meeting with families, followed by an invitation for the family to join the student in class until appropriate behavior is understood.
- Occasional Parent Night will be offered a few times a year: informal fellowship on: (scripture, justice, faith, community).
- Journals will be used for community-based program. Journals should be handed in at the end of the program.