

A Future Full of Hope 2004-2008 – Approved by the Pastoral Staff, March 16, 05

Time Line for Religious Education and Formation – Children
Pastoral Team Members: Sr. Evelyne Joyce, Vicky De Vivero, Maria Lazaro

TASK	PERSON (S) RESPONSIBLE	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	DEPENDENCIES
1. Recruit and train new catechists and aides for September 2005.	Sr. Evelyne, working with <i>Resource Personnel</i> such as Lynn Lang & Catechetical San Fernando Regional Formation Team	By the end of August 31, 2005	Qualified volunteers Presence of qualities needed in volunteers Time commitment required for the 50 hours basic catechist training.
2. Within a year to establish a Religious Education Board. This would function as a consultative and working group advising the Pastor and the Director of Religious Education on policy. The group would assume practical responsibilities as needed. Composed of 4 parents, a catechist, a member of the Pastoral Council, the Pastor and the Director of Religious Education	Fr. Austin Doran Sr. Evelyne Joyce working with The Pastoral Council	Begin functioning in October 2005	Develop a selection process for the board.
3. Form a Religious Education Parent Association (REPA). Families get to know one another and get involved in the parish. Meet four times each year, one of which would be a retreat evening. Form	Sr. Evelyne Joyce Fr. Austin Doran Religious Education Board	By January 2006	Fund raising policy? How will this impact other ministries?

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<p>committees as needed to support the Religious Education Programs. Ex: >Sponsoring youth activities >Fund raising for the catechist scholarship fund in collaboration with Religious Education Board -Sponsor a booth at the Parish Fair</p> <p>Process: (1) Present the idea of REPA at the Parent Meeting in September 2005.</p> <p>(2) Submit a tentative schedule for the year.</p>			
<p>4. Within a year, the Religious Education Board will work with the Pastor and the Director of Religious Education to establish a scholarship fund to <i>supplement</i> the continuing formation of catechists in our parish.</p>	<p>Sr. Evelyne Joyce Fr. Austin</p> <p>Religious Education Board</p>	<p>February 2006</p>	<p>Guidelines for giving scholarships. Policy needs to be established.</p>

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<p>5. To develop a more comprehensive formation for Junior High students with a tie-in to the Confirmation Process. Within a year, leaders be recruited and trained to provide a strong social dimension for Junior High students as they transition toward Confirmation and Youth Ministry</p> <p>-Eighth grade students will be invited to attend the last Confirmation meeting of the year and will be enrolled in Year One Confirmation process.</p> <p>Gr. 8 will be publicized as a Pre-Confirmation Year for those who</p>	<p>Sr. Evelyne Joyce Working with</p> <p>Religious Education Volunteers,</p> <p>The Youth Group</p> <p>The Confirmation Core Team,</p>	<p>Jr. High Retreat – Dec. 2004</p> <p>Mini retreat for May 7th, 2005</p>	<p>The availability of Catechists for Junior High students, and the willingness of the Core Team to begin and sustain the process.</p> <p>Resource personnel: Sr. Eva Betty Vanek</p>

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<p>attend public school. These students would be invited to some Youth Masses and participate in OLG summer youth activities.</p> <p>Early in the spring (February) the Core Team will meet with the incoming Year One Confirmation group to explain the confirmation program and to involve them in one or two social gatherings</p> <p>Participate in two mini retreat experiences during Advent and Lent/Easter season.</p>			
<p>6. The Religious Board will form a committee of parents and catechists to explore creative ways toward a more family focused catechesis, examining models such as lectionary-based and whole community catechesis. This study would be completed within a year and a half.</p>	<p>Sr. Evelyne Joyce Fr. Austin Doran Religious Education Board</p>	<p>Spring 2007</p>	

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APPENDIX TO # 1

Process:

- Participate in the Parish Volunteer Drive on April 3rd.
- Prepare materials about the RE programs
- Sign-up sheet for those who are interested in learning more about becoming a catechist or an aide.
- Contact all those who signed up and invite them to a meeting with Sr. Evelyne (second week in April).
- Those who express a commitment and have the qualities necessary will be asked to take Part 1 of the Basic Formation Course offered here at OLG during the month of May 2005. Parts 2 and 3 will be offered during the summer in parishes in the Deanery.