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**WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR**

**2009-2010 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THEME  
“DISCIPLESHIP”**

### ARCHDIOCESAN RELIGION CURRICULUM

The Archdiocese of Chicago has approved a new religion curriculum for use in both the Religious Education programs and the Catholic Schools throughout the Archdiocese. Following you will find an overview of the ten religion curriculum goals. The goals of the Religion Curriculum form its foundation. As with other types of standards and goals, they are learned and integrated over time. The Religion Curriculum goals set a standard that invites and challenges the learner to understand the meaning of discipleship and respond to the call of discipleship through full participation in the life of the Church.

1. **Creed:** Understand, believe and proclaim the Triune God as revealed in the signs of creation, Sacred Scripture, Catholic Tradition and human experience.
2. **Sacraments:** Understand and participate in the sacraments of the Church as efficacious signs of God’s grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church.
3. **Christian Living:** Understand and live the moral teachings of the Church through a life of discipleship in Jesus Christ expressed in love for God, conversion, the dignity of the human person, positive self-image, personal integrity, social justice, and love of neighbor.
4. **Sacred Scripture:** Read, comprehend and articulate salvation history as conveyed in God’s revelation through the signs of scripture.
5. **Liturgy:** Understand and celebrate the liturgical rites of the Church as expressed in the Church Year and epitomized in the Eucharist the source and summit of Christian life.
6. **Christian Prayer and Spirituality:** Understand and express the different forms of prayer consciously recognizing the work of the Holy Spirit and the meaning of self-surrender to God.
7. **Catholic Church:** Understand and appreciate the mystery of the Church, the Body of Christ, the community of believers, as expressed in the Church’s origin, mission of evangelization, hierarchical structure, marks, charisms, members and the communion of saints.
8. **Parish Life:** Understand and participate in the life of the Church as lived in the parish through its community, cultural aspects, worship, sacramental life, service, missionary endeavors and organization.
9. **Vocation:** Understand and undertake discipleship in Christ responding in faith by participating in the mission of the Church through living a specific call in the life of the Church.
10. **Ecumenism and Dialogue:** Understand and participate in the call of the Church to be a sign of unity in the world through knowledge of and collaboration with Christian churches, Jews, Muslims and all faith traditions.

Each year students will be invited to explore more deeply these ten goals—helping them to understand their faith on their own level. Much of this curriculum is already found in the Finding God Religion series which we are using. We will begin the process of implementing this curriculum this year.

### *CLASS SCHEDULE FIRST SEMESTER*

#### ***Grades 6–8***

*Wednesdays*  
**6:45–8:30 PM**  
*September 2*  
*September 9*  
*September 16*  
*September 30*  
*October 7*  
*October 14*  
*October 28*  
*November 4*  
*November 18*  
*December 2*  
*December 9*

#### ***Grades 1-5***

*Saturdays*  
**9:30–11:30 AM**  
*August 29*  
*September 12*  
*September 19*  
*October 10*  
*October 24*  
*November 7*  
*November 21*  
*December 5*  
*December 19*

### **Parent Packet**

- ♦ *Magnet Calendar*
- ♦ *RE Staff*
- ♦ *Parent Handbook*
- ♦ *Finding God Newsletter: Issue 1*
- ♦ *Parent Guide to Prayer (for families new to the program)*

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Thank you to all our catechists who so generously give of their time to share their faith with the young people of our parish. They are very dedicated to the ministry of catechesis.

### Honeywell Instant Alert

St. Peter Religious Education is using the Honeywell Instant alert system. This system will allow us to communicate with families to convey information about events and news of the Religious Ed program. All families have been registered through the Religious Ed program using the home phone number. Families have the option to receive this information by e-mail or other phone numbers (cell phones, work phones, etc). Please log on to <https://instantalert.honeywell.com> to register; check to see that the phone information is correct and edit your account to fit the needs of your family. Information about registering is in the parent handbook.



You are invited to join us as the Parish Community  
celebrates the ministry of Catechesis  
Sunday, September 20th—10:30 AM Mass