



St. Augustine/St. Joseph Parish Center

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Education Commission Parish Philosophy of Religious Education

Religious Education at St. Augustine/St. Joseph Parish is recognized as a lifelong process of formation, beginning with baptism, nurtured in the family, sustained through catechesis, and continually fostered throughout adulthood. The Education Commission assumes responsibility for establishing and continually evaluating all programs and policies that inspire, support and drive the process of spiritual growing in the members of the St. Augustine/St. Joseph Parish family. Our parish philosophy emphasizes the importance of the family and the parish community working together in that process.

The Education Commission works closely with all other commissions in promoting and supporting the total educational mission of the parish. This commission prepares a budget for submission to and approval by the Temporal Affairs Commission. The Commission acts as a consulting group for the Coordinators of Religious Education.

Goals of the Education Commission

Based on this philosophy the goals of the St. Augustine/St. Joseph Parish Community Religious Education Program are:

1. To provide formal or structured catechesis that is authentic in doctrine and current in presentation concerning the teachings of the Catholic church.
2. To foster a deep sense of total family involvement in the religious education programs of the parish.
3. To foster an appreciation for the Church's celebration of the Liturgy, demonstrated by the active participation of the entire congregation.
4. To foster a deep desire for spiritual growth among all parishioners.
5. To foster such a sense of respect for all life, that it becomes evident to all who come, that the members of St. Augustine/St. Joseph Parish love and care for one another.

Qualifications of Education Commission Members

The Education Commission members are a team of big-hearted parishioners whose common interest is spiritual growth, a minimum of eight adults, plus two high school seniors (one male and one female).

Rewards of becoming an Education Commission Member

Rewards of serving on this commission are impossible to measure, as virtue is its own reward and is as individual as the person.

Current Members of the Education Commission

President - Jay Purpus 419/628-2243

Members - Jane Boeke, Elaine Hausfeld, Beth Hinker, Michelle Huelsman,
Deb Knapke, Stacie Lamm, Brenda Spieles &
Deb Albers (St. Joseph Rep.)

(2 High School Seniors will be appointed to a one-year term)

We are currently looking for individuals to join our team, if interested call the Parish Center at 628-3434.