

## Catholic School *Catechetical Plan* 2008-2009

*“Prime responsibility for creating this unique Christian school climate rests with the teachers who fulfill a specific Christian vocation...it depends chiefly on them whether the Catholic school achieves its purpose.”* The Catholic School On the Threshold of the Third Millennium

School/System: **Sacred Heart/Cedar Valley Catholic Schools** Site/System ID: **DBQE50**

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**Section 1 - Catechetical Plan Indicators** - The following components for the Catechetical Plan are derived from the Catholic Dimension Domain (Domain 5) developed to align with *The Instructional Frameworks* and are required components of ABE 4111.4a - Qualities of Teachers.

### Component 5a - **Catholic Identity**

- ☐ Faith Community Teacher and students demonstrate communication and relationships. Openness to others is expected as part of the learning environment. Staff and students are challenged to be aware of the larger Church.
- ☐ Prayer & Liturgy Teachers and students have a knowledge of prayer forms and liturgical expression and engage in creation and formation of various experiences. Classroom environment reflects a conscious awareness of God's presence.

### Component 5b - **Adult Formation**

- ☐ Scripture Scripture is integrated across disciplines. Teachers actively pursue opportunities to study Scripture in personal life.

### Component 5c - **Catechetical Methods**

- ☐ Knowledge of Worship & Liturgy Teachers display extensive content knowledge of worship rubrics exclusively integrating students in the planning process. Teachers accept leadership in liturgical education of the school. Teachers actively pursue ongoing education for update.

### Component 5d - **Creating Sacred Ground - Classroom Environment**

- ☐ Prayer Consistent use of prayer and ritual occurs. Prayer is integrated into instruction across the curriculum. Conscious planning occurs for the use of a variety of prayer forms.
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## **Section 2 - Catechetical Plan -**

2a. List the outcomes/activities for the focus areas checked above.

1. The Gospel Value of faith formation will be our focus for 2008-09. Pam Johnston (DRE) will make a presentation of faith at the fall teacher workshop. Faith formation will be evidenced at monthly pacing meetings with teachers.
2. Faith will also be the focus of our Renewal Week activities in September.
3. Teachers plan masses and prayer services in our Communities of Faith. Teachers also serve as eucharistic ministers at masses.
4. Catechist in-services for all certified staff will be held in October and January. Teachers are required to attend these in-services.
5. Weekly staff scripture sharing will be held on Friday morning. Petitions will be offered and we will close with the “Our Father”.
6. Morning prayer begins each day of the school year. This is led by Unit C students and provides us with the focus for the day.

2b. List the supporting Catechist Formation plans for the focus areas checked above.

*The Witness* - Discussion and reflection on The Witness will take place at monthly pacing meetings. The focus of the discussions will be on the indicators which are part of our Catechetical Plan. There will also be an Open Forum on Catholicity during in-service time on Wednesdays.

2c. Evaluation/Assessment Criteria. To be used to determine if the checked “√” components/descriptors with supporting Catechist Formation have been reached. Item one needs to specify the criteria that will be used to assess the effectiveness of using the *The Witness* as a Catechist Formation tool.

1. *The Witness* - Discussions and reflection will be held at the Open Forum and at monthly pacing meetings.
2. Catechist Formation reflections will be completed for all Catechist in-services held during the 2008-09 school year by all teachers.
3. Students in grades 6-7-8 and their teachers will participate in a faith formation and service day in April, 2009.
4. Sacred Heart School will participate in the Shoebox Project for Nicaragua in 2008-09. This project demonstrates the school’s service to others.
5. The 8th grade retreat will be held in May, 2009.
6. Climate surveys are completed by all students in grades 5-6-7 in October and April. Data is compared to 2007-08 results. Fall and spring data is also compared.
7. The Faith Award is given one female and one male student at the 8th Grade Celebration Mass at the end of the school year.
8. The Sacred Heart School Mission project will occur in October to connect with the Sacred Heart Parish Mission. The project will follow The Journey with Jesus Curriculum.