

Discipleship Commission Charter

"All Christians—that is, all those who having been reborn in water and the Holy Spirit are called and in fact are children of God—have a right to a Christian education. Such an education not only develops the maturity of the human person...but is especially directed towards ensuring that those who have been baptized, as they are gradually introduced to a knowledge of the mystery of salvation, become daily more appreciative of the gift of faith which they have received." (24)

The needs of the parish community of faith "... must be the norm by which the religious education programs are established, financed, staffed and evaluated. The programs are to meet the needs of everyone in the parish, whether young or old, whether disadvantaged or privileged." (National Catechetical Directory) The commission shall establish and recommend goals and objectives annually to the parish pastoral council that flow from the pastoral plan of the parish. These goals and objectives are to address the educational and formational needs of the parish. The commission shall determine, under the direction of the pastor and in collaboration with the Director of Evangelization & Discipleship (or equivalent), programs that will promote and support total parish education and formational needs in all areas of the parish.

The members of the commission develop policies and support programs in religious education, catechesis, young adult ministry, youth ministry, for the parish. Where there is a school under the authority of the pastor, the commission is responsible for the religious education policies in the school as well as coordinating those policies with the rest of the parish. The members of this commission need to study available resources on how adults learn. They are to supervise the parish resources and literature racks with specific attention to literature concerning vocations for single, religious and married life.

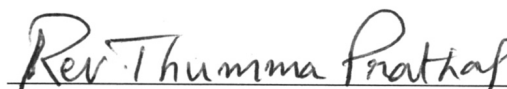
The commission works with the pastor and the Director of Evangelization & Discipleship to ensure that the parish is providing quality religious education programs ensuring that every child & adult has access to programs. The commission works with the Director of Evangelization & Discipleship to ensure that the parish will have an adequate number of certified catechists.

This commission must prepare, carry out, and evaluate a yearly action plan based on the long range goals set by the parish pastoral council (in conjunction with all the commissions) as part of the parish pastoral plan. It is responsible to prepare and propose to the parish finance council an annual budget for those supplies, equipment and expenses necessary to carry out that plan.

ALIGNED MINISTRIES:

- RCIA Ministry
- Adult Education Ministry
- Youth Religious Education Ministry
- Confirmation Prep Ministry
- Youth Ministry

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