

PARENT ADVISORY GROUPS

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES TEACHES:

“Parents are called to be the first teachers in the ways of faith. They are also called to be the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do” (The Rite of Baptism—Blessing of Parents).

GUIDELINES FOR PARENT ADVISORY GROUP

PURPOSE

- The Parent Advisory Group will function in advisory capacity to the parish catechetical administrator to further quality religious education for all children and youth in the parish.
- The members will promote the active involvement of parents and other adults in the catechetical process, facilitating a partnership between the parish and the home.

OBJECTIVES

- The Parent Advisory Group may participate in long-range planning and evaluation of the religious education programs making suggestions for improvements and innovations that will aid in the annual goal setting process for the parish religious education programs.
- The Parent Advisory Group may encourage community building efforts in many ways, e.g., sponsoring social events, seasonal activities, and intergenerational gatherings, etc.
- The Parent Advisory Group may promote opportunities for prayer, liturgical services, and retreats.
- The Parent Advisory Group may support service opportunities and social justice activities.
- This partnership in catechetical ministry may also include:
 - Marketing the parish religious education programs
 - Promoting attendance
 - Recruiting volunteers
 - Reviewing the religious education budget

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership will include parents/guardians of children representing the various parish religious education programs.
- Membership also may be extended to other adults of the parish community expressing an interest in catechesis.

STRUCTURE

- The Parent Advisory Group will ordinarily be structured as a subcommittee of the Christian Formation Committee of the Parish Pastoral Council and a liaison member for reporting to Parish Pastoral Council.
- The Parent Advisory Group will function in collaboration with other parish groups serving children and youth.
- If a parish elementary school exists, both the Parent Advisory Group and the School Advisory Group will seek to collaborate in areas relating to religious education programming.