



Curriculum Courier

The Curriculum Newsletter of the Catholic Schools Office in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Dear Catholic School Teachers,

We began this school year with the theme of "The Time is Now!" Well, the time is now to THANK each and every one of you for a job well done! No one knows the countless hours you spent preparing, planning, praying for, and participating in the life of your Catholic school. Your humble service has allowed our mission of forming disciples of Christ to move forward and gain ground! There is no nobler cause I can think of to be involved in. I am honored to be working with each one of you. **Thank you** for answering the call to teach, form, bless, grow, lead, learn, and so much more! Check out [page 2](#) of the newsletter for a great prayer for the end of the school year. Have a safe and blessed summer!

Sincerely in Christ,

Laura Rolo, and Your E/LA Committee



A Catechists Journey

Travel through the summer filling your suitcase with opportunities to grow spiritually, enhance your classroom during the upcoming year, or read a book to learn more about our beautiful Catholic faith. Check out this website for opportunities and suggestions to visit on your summer vacation.

www.Catechistsjourney.com

Joe Paprocki's Catechists Journey: Sharing the Journey of Teaching the Catholic Faith

Spiritual Growth, Topics to Teach, 20 Tips for Catechists E-mail Series, Recommended books to read to grow in your spirituality, and much more!

Introducing Children to the Blessed Mother Primary

Reuse and Review at the End of the Faith Formation Year Intermediate

Not Done with Prayer Yet Junior High

Be a future saint. We are all saints in the making.



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Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday, August 6, 2019: Archdiocesan Teacher In-Service, St. Jerome Catholic Church Parish Center**
- **Friday, August 9, 2019: Opening School Mass at 9:30am, Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart**



Summer Intensive Program

The **Summer Intensive Formation Program** is offered each summer. It provides those involved in catechetical ministry in various contexts (including parish catechetical programs, catholic schools, and lay movements) with the opportunity to participate in formation and training in a concentrated and intensive summer format. All of this formation is also offered throughout the year.

This year, training in sexuality catechesis and three specialized trainings for Catholic school personnel and will be offered in June at the Chancery at St. Dominic Center, 2403 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, Texas 77021. Each of the nine FTCM theological content courses will be offered in June at the [University of St. Thomas](#).

The nine theological content courses will be repeated in July at the following locations: one week each at [St. Laurence Catholic Church in Sugar Land](#), [St. Helen Catholic Church in Pearland](#), and [Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in the Cypress area](#).

Please click on the following link for more information and to register:

<https://www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm/>

End of the School Year Prayer

O God of all beginnings and endings, we praise and thank you for the gift of this school year. It has been a time filled with grace and blessings, with challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.

The days have passed quickly, O Lord. The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days, the school visits, meetings, breaks and interactions, all have come forth from your hand.

While we trust that your purposes have always been at work each day, sometimes it has been difficult to understand and appreciate just what you have been up to in our schools.

Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer. Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit. Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion, and bless us according to your will with the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams.

Watch over us in the weeks ahead, and guide each day as you have done this past year. Help us return to a new year with a new spirit and a new energy.

May we continue to grow in age, wisdom, knowledge and grace, all the days of our lives. Amen.

SUMMER READING NEWS YOU CAN USE AND SHARE WITH PARENTS

Start with a book ... for a summer full of reading and learning!

<https://www.startwithabook.org/>

As easy as 1, 2, 3! Choose a topic to explore, find great kids' books, keep the adventure going!

"The **free** engaging, research-based ideas from **Start with a Book** build on what young children already like — dinosaurs, building, animals, sports, superheroes, music, and more — so that parents can have fun and interact meaningfully with children while helping to strengthen their reading skills."- *National Education Association*

ELA RESOURCES:

Units of Study in Reading and Writing: A Crash Course in Methods and Curriculum

- Houston, Texas - June 3, 2019: Grades 1-2 and 3-5 Reading
- Houston, Texas - June 4, 2019: Grades 1-2 and 3-5 Writing
- Houston, Texas - June 5, 2019: Grade K Reading/Writing

<https://readingandwritingproject.org/services/one-day-events/conferences>



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Invite the Saints on your Summer Vacation!

Check out this website:

www.catholicteacher.com

for more activities, lessons, tools and resources. The ideas range from printable activities to prayer services and technology in the classroom.

Consider inviting these Saints who have a special connection to education to pray for you as an educator and your upcoming class of 2019-2020.

<https://www.catholicteacher.com/ten-patron-saints-catholic-classrooms/>

Living Stations of the Cross at Christ the Redeemer Catholic School in Houston

The Drama Club at Christ the Redeemer Catholic School performed a beautiful and faith-filled Living Stations of the Cross for their 2nd-8th graders as they began the Paschal Triduum. The performance was not only powerful and moving, but allowed the students to gain a much deeper understanding of this important Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man.

