

# PROGRAM GOALS

Our Parish Faith Formation Program operates out of a clear set of goals that help everyone involved know what the program is striving to accomplish in a more specific way.

St. Bernard/Sacred Heart programs reflect the command of Jesus to “...go therefore, and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19-20). These programs aim to empower the young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today; to draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community; and to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.  
( National Directory for Catechists 48:D)

The goals flow from this mission statement, making it more concrete and demonstrating how the mission statement is being implemented.

Goal 1. To provide a program of formal religious instruction for the youth of the parish, centering on Christ and their relationship with Him.

Goal 2. To support parents in their role as primary catechist of their children.

Goal 3. To offer sacrament preparation to youth as they become ready to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Goal 4. To help the youth discover the richness and challenges of Scripture and the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church.

Goal 5. To build a strong Catholic Identity among the youth of the parish.

Goal 6. To give the youth an experience of the Church as a community.

Goal 7. To deepen the prayer life of youth.

Goal 8. To motivate the youth to live lives rooted in charity and justice based on the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.

Goal 9. To expose the youth to the liturgical and sacramental richness that is part of Catholic Tradition.

Goal 10. To assist in the training, support, and spiritual growth of those who volunteer in our Faith Formation programs.