

ALTERNATIVE
MODEL TYPE:

FAMILY CENTERED

DESCRIPTION:

Within the family home, sometimes referred to as the Domestic Church, the parent(s) / guardian(s) are responsible for the weekly completion of a session with the child(ren) using material provided by the parish. This process of prayer, shared lesson and family learning provides an opportunity for the parent(s) / guardian(s) to understand and fulfill the role of “primary educators of the faith.” The parish religious education program offers support and meetings (bi-monthly or monthly) that provide a faith formation experience for the adult with a topic that assists in the overseeing of the faith formation of the child (ren) in the home.

RESPONSIBILITIES /

Families:

- Attend opening / closing family celebrations of the religious education program and designated monthly / bi-monthly meetings (Policy 810, e: requires a minimum of four meetings a year)
- Complete each home session as required returning materials as directed
- Review & teach the appropriate prayers for the grade level as determined in the Diocese of Erie curriculum.
- Child(ren) attends the annual age appropriate retreat and other community building activities for the program.

EXPECTATIONS : **Parish:**

- Schedule designated monthly / bi-monthly meetings to assist parents in teaching their children (Policy 810, e: a minimum of four meetings a year)
- Provide a year-plan to parents for the successful completion of all sessions
- Review and evaluate participation
- Provide annual retreat and community building activities

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<p>CONSIDERATIONS:</p>	<p>Parish has a religious education leader / pastor with the knowledge, communication skills and time to lead the monthly / bi-monthly topical meetings for formation of the adults. These meetings focus principally on preparing the adults to teach the next section of the chosen material and should include information concerning both content and process. (forming adults to form their children)</p>
<p>VARIATIONS:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All sessions are completed in the home; parent(s)/guardian(s) attend the monthly / bi-monthly meetings to prepare for home sessions and special/seasonal events. • Students attend with their parent(s)/guardian(s) and are divided into multiple grade groups; with sessions completed by a catechist, either monthly – every other week at the parish; home lessons are completed on the opposite weeks. • Students taught by their parents participate in monthly/bi-monthly sessions as a family unit, with catechists guiding the process
<p>PRINCIPLE EDUCATIONAL AUDIENCE:</p>	<p>The focus is typically on those families in the parish who have school age children. It begins in the recognition that children must be formed both in the home and the parish and that the two must collaborate in the formation of disciples.</p>