

Diocese of Lansing  
Religion Curriculum  
Grades K-8

**Mission Statement**

Parents are the primary educators of their children.

We, as catechists, are called to be in  
partnership with parents.

Guided by Scripture and Tradition, we bear witness  
to all the children entrusted to our care, so they may  
become faith-filled and morally responsible members  
of the Catholic Church  
in the world.



## The Purpose of the Document

"Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses."

Pope Paul VI, *Address to the Members of the Consilium de Laicis* (2 October 1974): AAS 66 (1974), p. 568

The purpose of this document is concisely expressed in the words of St. Richard of Chichester.

*O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

It will serve as a guide to align all religious instruction in the Diocese of Lansing with Scripture, Tradition and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Total formation is essential to a well-rounded Catholic education. In order to be effective, doctrinal truths must be integrated into life. A full program of spiritual formation will include: prayer in a variety of forms, Eucharistic celebrations, Reconciliation opportunities, retreat days, service learning opportunities, etc.

*"By deepening knowledge of the faith, catechesis nourishes not only the life of faith, but equips it to explain itself to the world". (General Directory 85)*