

To nurture the Catholic faith development of children of Saint Stephen Catholic Community, encouraging them to grow in their knowledge and love of God, by providing training and dedicated educators and staff, being supported by the faith life of the parish community.

For as long as we can remember, Church leaders have been sending us an instant message: PARENTS ARE THE PRIMERY EDUCATORS OF THEIR CHILDREN.

Even before Vatican II, the various documents on Christian Education issued by Rome ha said it, and more recently, the Bishops of our own country put in this way:

“Parents are the first and foremost catechists of their children. They catechize informally, but powerfully by example and instruction. They communicate values and attitudes by showing love for Christ and His church and for each other, by recently receiving the Eucharist and living in its spirit and by fostering justice and love in all their relationships. Their active involvement in the parish, their readiness to seek opportunities to serve others, and their practice of frequent and spontaneous prayer, all make meaningful their professions of belief. Parents nurture faith in the children by showing them the richness and beauty of lived faith.”

-- (U.S. National Catechetical Directory, Sharing the Light of Faith)

Responding to the challenge of this teaching, our Religious Education program recognize that parents are indeed the primary religious educators. It is through parents, together with, and supported by the members of the faith community, that the Gospel of Jesus is proclaimed and celebrated.

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