

## ▪OLPH Religious Education Program Descriptions (Continued) Other Programs

### Intergenerational Family Program

This parish learning experience is for ALL members of the parish: multi-generational families, as well as individuals. Focus of this program is families who choose to **home school** their children in structured faith formation. We gather together four times a year for prayer, faith sharing, and a variety of presentations. Dates to be announced. Each session begins with lunch after the 10:30 Mass and concludes around 1:30 PM. Age- and grade-appropriate textbooks and curriculum guides are provided to each student. The lessons are **completed at home** in the family environment, using a home-school approach.

### Vacation Bible School

VBS is a fun summer program held in June. (This year – June 16 – 20, 2008) from 9 AM – 12 PM, It is open to children age 4 through those who have completed fourth grade. It's a week of Bible-based Christian learning that includes crafts, games, music, snacks, and recreation. A separate registration form for this program is included in this mailing. Non-parishioners are invited to join us and pay the same fee. Students who have completed Grade 5 or above may assist as aides.

*Adult volunteers are always welcome.*

### Adult Faith Formation

Faith formation is a life long process that does not end once we are confirmed.

A variety of classes and programs are offered throughout the year. Watch the bulletin and the mail for information as programs are scheduled.

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Process

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which individuals who are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith may do so in the context of a loving community. Because God does not call people based on an academic calendar, interested persons may begin the process at any time. Since the "Journey of Faith" is ongoing, it is a lifetime process. The process is individual, but it is divided into four distinct parts:

**The Inquiry:** Individuals come to share their story connecting it with God's story. Initial questions are answered.

**The Catechumenate:** Individuals make a commitment to further understand the Catholic faith and their relationship with God.

**Enlightenment or Purification:** Usually during Lent, this is a period of final preparation for the reception of the initiation sacraments.

**Mystegogia:** (unwrapping the mystery). After receiving the Sacraments of Initiation, individuals try to understand the meaning of the sacraments and continue to try to understand how God is now calling them.

*For further information or to register, call Sr. Lu at 330-562-8519, Ext. 222.*

### Children's Catechumenate

Because some children occasionally do not receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) along with others their age, an alternative process is provided for those 9 to 18 years-of-age. The format is similar to the RCIA process (see above) but adapted to the age of the children. Generally speaking, it is for those not yet baptized; however, those baptized but not appropriately catechized to receive Eucharist or Confirmation may be admitted to this process. For more information, call Mrs. Yash at 330-562-8519 (ext. 224).