

## SURVEY RESULTS REPORT

### **56 Surveys Returned Representing 64 Parish/School Communities Adolescent Catechesis Parish & School Survey - Diocese of Rochester**

#### **Section 1-A: Delivery Systems - How is Adolescent Catechesis Done at Your Parish/School?**

For the delivery systems ***that you use***, indicate how effective you believe it to be in achieving the goal of faith formation for that particular age group. **Leave blank any systems that are not used at your parish/school**

*NOTE: If a particular strategy utilizes more than one "delivery system" (such as a traditional youth group, which utilizes a bible study format), please rate each of the strategies that are involved as to their effectiveness in faith formation.*

**Section 1-B: Going Further** – For each delivery systems listed above, **circle up to 5** that you would like to learn more about from others who might be using this model. **Place a circle around the number only, please.**

#### **Survey Note: Parishes indicating creative approaches to particular delivery system are listed under "Parish Models"**

Rating System: Ineffective      OK      Very Effective  
1    2    3    4    5

<b>Delivery System for SENIOR HIGH Ranked by Effectiveness</b>	<b>Effectiveness Rating - out of 5</b>	<b>% Parishes/ Schools Using This (out of 42)</b>	<b># of Schools/ Parishes Interested</b>	<b>Parish/School Models</b>
<b>Note: Top responses in each column are highlighted</b>				
01 Summer intensive (e.g. VBS)	5.00	17% (7)	2	
02 Mentoring/spiritual direction model (one on one)	4.50	19% (8)	6	
03 Retreat programs (day, overnight, weekend)	4.48	<b>60% (25)</b>	5	
04 Diocesan/regional gathering -Rally/Convention/NCYC	4.41	<b>69% (29)</b>	0	
05 Intergenerational (meet in age-groups with interaction)	4.38	19% (8)	7	
06 Drama/acting group	4.25	19% (8)	4	
07 Service learning (e.g. workcamps, urban/rural plunges)	4.25	29% (12)	7	
08 Peer-Generated (youth run program/group)	4.08	31% (13)	5	
09 Lectionary-based (focusing on Sunday scriptures)	4.00	26% (11)	4	
10 Multi-parish program (combine with other parishes)	3.89	21% (9)	5	
11 Bible study groups/faith-sharing groups (cell groups)	3.87	<b>36% (15)</b>	<b>9</b>	
12 Extended events (Super Sunday, monthly gatherings)	3.80	<b>36% (15)</b>	6	
13 Traditional "youth group" gathering	3.78	<b>88% (37)</b>	2	
14 Catechumenal model (RCIA-based)	3.75	10% (4)	3	
15 Family-centered meetings or activities	3.64	26% (11)	<b>13</b>	
16 Menu Model (youth select from a variety of options)	3.63	19% (8)	<b>9</b>	
17 Gender-based groups (male or female only)	3.38	10% (4)	3	
18 Technology-based (e.g. on line, CD ROM)	3.29	17% (7)	<b>9</b>	
19 School model (5 days/week)	3.25	10% (4)	0	
20 Mini-courses (e.g. topical themes covering 4-6 wks.)	3.20	24% (10)	<b>10</b>	
21 Weekly "Classroom" model	3.07	31% (13)	0	
22 Home Study	2.43	17% (7)	5	
23* Other: Steubenville, RENEW, Outside Speakers, Liturgy (2), Liturgical Ministry training group	4.75	(10% (4)	0	

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<b>Delivery System for JUNIOR HIGH Ranked by Effectiveness</b> <b>Note: Top responses in each column are highlighted</b>	<b>Effectiveness Rating -out of 5</b>	<b>% Parishes/ Schools Using This (out of 55)</b>	<b># of Schools/ Parishes Interested</b>	<b>Parish/School Models</b>
01 Summer intensive (e.g. VBS)	4.67	29% (16)	2	
02 Gender-based groups (male or female only)	4.50	4% (2)	4	
03 Drama/acting group	4.40	18% (10)	5	
04 Peer-Generated (youth run program/group)	4.25	15% (8)	9	
05 Retreat programs (day, overnight, weekend)	4.24	53% (29)	6	
06 Service learning (workcamps, urban/rural plunges)	4.15	24% (13)	11	
07 Family-centered meetings or activities	4.00	35% (19)	16	
08 Mentoring/spiritual direction model (one on one)	4.00	15% (8)	8	
09 Traditional “youth group” gathering	3.93	49% (27)	4	
10 Extended events- Super Sunday, monthly gatherings	3.91	38% (21)	11	
11 Mini-courses (e.g. topical themes covering 4-6 wks.)	3.87	27% (15)	14	
12 Intergenerational- meet in age-groups w/ interaction	3.87	27% (15)	7	
13 Diocesan/regional gathering-ally/Convention/NCYC	3.85	62% (34)	0	
14 Bible study groups/faith-sharing groups (cell groups)	3.75	15% (8)	9	
15 Catechumenal model (RCIA-based)	3.75	15% (8)	4	
16 Weekly “Classroom” model	3.61	60% (33)	0	
17 Menu Model (youth select from a variety of options)	3.57	13% (7)	12	
18 Lectionary-based (focusing on Sunday scriptures)	3.52	38% (21)	6	
19 School model (5 days/week)	3.50	18% (10)	0	
20 Multi-parish program (combine with other parishes)	3.50	15% (8)	8	
21 Technology-based (e.g. on line, CD ROM)	3.00	18% (10)	11	
22 Home Study	2.83	33% (18)	4	
23 Other: Liturgies, RENEW, Summer Conf. Prep (1wk) Liturgical Ministry training group	4.66	6% (3)	0	

**Section 1-C: Resources to Suggest** – Select up to 3 of the most effective delivery systems used at your parish/school. Use the chart below to list the resources you have used that have been the most helpful in making each of those delivery systems effective. *Only list the best and most helpful resources.*

### Most Effective Junior High Delivery Systems

1. Name of Delivery System: \_\_\_\_\_

Resources (Print, Videos, Music/Songs, Speakers, etc.):

Creative Strategies/Structures:

### Most Effective Senior High Delivery Systems

1. Name of Delivery System: \_\_\_\_\_

Resources (Print, Videos, Music/Songs, Speakers, etc.):

Creative Strategies/Structures:

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### Section 2-A: Faith Themes – What is Being Covered Through the Faith Formation Programs?

Below are the major faith themes for younger and older adolescents that are found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and our Diocesan Religion Curriculum. Check each of the themes that is being covered through the younger adolescent and older adolescent faith formation programs/strategies at your parish or school. Any theme covered not listed here place in “Other”.

<u>Faith Themes</u>	<u>Junior High</u>	<u>Senior High</u>
Number in column is % of responses covering theme	out of 52 responses	out of 32 responses
1. <b>Revelation</b> (How God reveals Self to others)	71% (37)	56% (18)
2. <b>Scriptures</b> – Hebrew (Old Testament)	81% (42)	59% (19)
3. <b>Scriptures</b> – Christian (New Testament)	87% (45)	75% (24)
4. <b>Creed</b> – Mystery of One God	73% (38)	44% (14)
5. <b>Creed</b> - Trinity & Spirit	77% (40)	50% (16)
6. <b>Creed</b> – Creation	67% (35)	38% (12)
7. <b>Creed</b> - Jesus Christ	83% (43)	72% (23)
8. <b>Creed</b> – Church	73% (38)	47% (15)
9. <b>Creed</b> - Life of Grace	56% (29)	44% (14)
10. <b>Creed</b> - Moral Life	79% (41)	69% (22)
11. <b>Creed</b> - Mary & the Saints	64% (33)	38% (12)
12. <b>Creed</b> - Death, Judgment, Eternity	54% (28)	56% (18)
13. <b>Sacraments</b> – RCIA	44% (23)	38% (12)
14. <b>Sacraments</b> of Initiation (Bapt., Euch., Conf.)	81% (42)	63% (20)
15. <b>Sacraments</b> of Healing (Recon, Anoint.Sick)	75% (39)	53% (17)
16. <b>Sacraments</b> of Commitment (Marr., Orders)	73% (38)	63% (20)
17. <b>Prayer &amp; Worship</b> – Prayer Styles/Worship	89% (46)	81% (26)
18. <b>Prayer &amp; Worship</b> – the Liturgy	73% (38)	69% (22)
19. <b>Liturgical Year</b> – Holy Days	62% (32)	53% (17)
20. <b>Liturgical Year</b> – Holy Seasons/Cycles	71% (37)	69% (22)
21. <b>Church</b> – History	42% (22)	41% (13)
22. <b>Church</b> – Models	33% (17)	38% (12)
23. <b>Church</b> – Structure	42% (22)	38% (12)
24. <b>Faith &amp; Identity</b> – Baptismal Call	73% (38)	81% (26)
25. <b>Personal Growth</b> – Jesus’ Example	77% (40)	81% (26)
26. <b>Personal Growth</b> - Self-Esteem	67% (35)	63% (20)
27. <b>Personal Growth</b> – Sexuality	48% (25)	63% (20)
28. <b>Relationships</b> – Respect for Self/Others	73% (38)	75% (24)
29. <b>Christian Lifestyles</b> – Vocations	48% (25)	59% (19)
30. <b>Morality</b> – Jesus’ Teachings	79% (41)	88% (28)
31. <b>Morality</b> – Decision-Making	75% (39)	78% (25)
32. <b>Morality</b> – Sin & Forgiveness	77% (40)	84% (27)
33. <b>Justice &amp; Peace</b> – Gospel Call	64% (33)	72% (23)
34. <b>Justice &amp; Peace</b> – Church Teaching	62% (32)	69% (22)
35. <b>Justice &amp; Peace</b> – Mission	60% (31)	72% (23)
36. <b>Service</b> – Baptismal Call to Discipleship	71% (37)	72% (23)
37. <b>Other for JH:</b> Dating, morals, Values, Cons. Life Ethic/Issues (Depression, Drugs), Poverty/Social Issues, Environmental Stewardship, Social Action/Justice, Current Issues, Miracles, 10 Commandments, Stewardship		
38. <b>Other for SH:</b> Dating, Morals, Values, Consistent Life Ethic Issues, Poverty, Social Issues, Dating & Violence, Current Issues, Miracles, heaven/Hell, Exorcisms, Stewardship, When bad things happen to good people		

Those with a 75% or higher rating are highlighted in each category

## **2-B: List any final comments or issues you would like to raise about adolescent catechesis in the Diocese of Rochester?**

- It's a challenge to keep teens interested and attending religious education classes – other events (social and school) seem to come first
- We are lucky to be in the Diocese of Rochester!
- Students should be given various service opportunities to actively serve in the church – this makes lessons real.
- JH Team works very well together to make all of this happen.
- Help! – We're losing them!
- Our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade mini-retreats over the summer help to grow our JH program and eventually touch many themes.
- Interested in a "youth group" format but concerned about weakening the content – please help.
- Hard to assess Faith Themes using a lectionary-based model. Like the new Diocesan Curriculum.
- A Fall JH Rally might help motivate the younger teens more at the beginning of the year.
- This is all done in lots of different ways and methods.
- Diocesan programs are excellent – wish I had more time to attend all of them.
- Touch on all the topics in some way but may not be a whole lesson.
- Concerned about youth who go through the RCIA or are confirmed and who don't attend programs after that – how is their faith being fostered?
- Older teens who come to class have great questions and concerns about their faith.
- Need to cover cultural topics that affect the way religion plays a part in growing up Catholic in other cultures.
- We're working on bringing the concept of Comprehensive Youth Ministry to fruition but it takes time because the teens have not been exposed to it before.
- The single most important issue facing teens today is understanding the Christian meaning of sexuality. Perhaps a Diocesan youth event that focuses on this could be held?
- There are many teens not involved because of there their parents are in their faith journey, which is to say that Adult Faith Formation is critical to focus on.
- When JH experience retreats, they are more ready for SH YM events.
- Classroom structure doesn't allow time for this faith maturing.
- It's easier to cover faith themes in full day schedules.
- Catechesis should occur from the bottom up (starting with where the learner is).
- Can clear directives be handed down from the Diocese to parents about the expectation of faith formation for their children/teens?
- Systematic faith formation for senior high is a challenge – just as they are ready to get into the deeper questions and issues, their lives become very busy and full and end up not coming to what's offered.
- Offer a series of workshops where "Best Practices" are shared to others in the Diocese.
- Adult leadership is essential so teens have good models to look up to.