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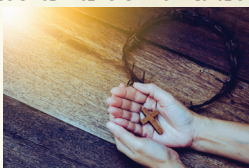
Religious Education Programs for School Age Children & Sacraments at St. Paul's Church in Whitesboro

Religious Education (RE) for children is designed to introduce our children to Catholic beliefs, practices, and moral values, among other important life skills.

The key targets of Religious Education for children typically include:

1. **Knowledge and Understanding:** Teaching children about our catholic faith including the history, sacred texts, rituals, core beliefs and prayer.
2. **Cultural Awareness:** Helping children understand and appreciate the diversity of religious practices and cultures around the world, emphasis on Catholicism.
This awareness can contribute to a more harmonious and inclusive society.
3. **Moral Development / Personal Identity and Belonging:** Instilling ethical values and principles, often derived from religious teachings, to help children make smart moral and ethical decisions. Learning about their own religious traditions can help children develop a sense of identity and belonging. It can also connect them to a larger community that shares their beliefs and values.
4. **Critical Thinking:** Religious education often involves exploring complex questions about existence, purpose, and ethics. This can enhance children's critical thinking and reasoning skills as they learn to consider different perspectives and form their own informed opinions.
5. **Spiritual Growth / Interpersonal Skills:** Encouraging children to explore their own spirituality and develop a sense of inner peace and purpose through our Catholic Faith. For many, religious education nurtures spiritual development, helping children explore their beliefs and find meaning and purpose in life. This can contribute to their overall well-being and mental health. Engaging with religious education can improve children's empathy, compassion, and interpersonal skills as they learn to engage respectfully with people of different beliefs and backgrounds. Learning about their own religious traditions can help children develop a sense of identity and belonging. It can also connect them to a larger community that shares their beliefs and values.
6. **Respect and Tolerance / Social Cohesion:** Promoting respect for people, beliefs and fostering an environment of tolerance and acceptance in our beliefs and deeds in serve to our Lord. Understanding and respecting different religions can reduce prejudice and conflict, promoting social cohesion and peaceful coexistence.

In summary, our religious education contributes to the holistic development of children, preparing them to navigate and contribute positively to a diverse and complex world.



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