



### Action Plans

*Action Plans are steps taken in order to accomplish the strategies listed as important. Action plans must be funded, have staffing resources, time committed to seeing the action plan through, and communication on what is to be done, and what is finished. The action plan must be measurable and evaluated annually.*

### Action Plans:

#### **Religious Education Programs**

**Strategy 1.1:** Increase involvement, visibility and continuity of Priests and/or Religious in our schools and Parishes.

- Continue to invite Priests and seminarians to visit Theology classes on a Monthly basis in order to have a presence with students, to get to know students, and to be available to answer questions.
- Invite retired and visiting Priests and Sisters to visit and meet with Cedar Catholic students.

**Strategy 1.2:** Continue to schedule and increase access to Mass, Retreats, Rally's, Eucharistic Adoration, Campus Ministry and Discipleship, and Community Service Programs.

- Continue to have students attend Mass weekly and on Holy Days.
- Continue to have each class participate in an off-campus retreat each year that is run by a priest and Campus Ministry members.
- Connect with Newman Centers of local universities/colleges; FOCUS missionaries; other high school Catholic schools for CCHS high school students for retreats, etc.
- Continue to have each class attend first Friday Mass, spends their theology time at church for Eucharistic Adoration, and participates in Benediction.
- Continue to coordinate a service day where students ring bells for the salvation army at various locations, students help decorate church, choir sings at nursing homes, etc.
- Continue to host the Large Youth rally every other year & ideas for mini-rallies and schedule and coordinate mini retreats in off years of the larger Rally. Sending students to our elementary schools to do religious activities with elementary kids.
- Continue to have each class go to Confession once a month - either during Theology class time or as a big group.

**Strategy 1.3:** Continue to explore and expand resources and materials used in Religious Education Classes.

- Continue to provide a Bible for students to use in and outside class.
- Continue to provide teachers the Hallow app for personal use and in their classroom.
- Coordinate with the Evangelism Institute (EI) to provide resources and professional development to meet the 26-hour Catholic Schools Archdiocese Program.

**Strategy 1.4:** Increase opportunities for parents to be more involved in their child's faith formation and increased Vocations.

- Continue recruiting parents, grandparents, and community volunteers and share their faith in Discipleship Groups.
- Invite parents to daily mass - use bulletins; send note at beginning of year Cedar Masses at 8am or 2:40; check Sycamore calendar
- Continue supporting CCHS staff that are parents/grandparents to invest in their child(ren)'s faith formation by being actively involved in church, school and activities by being teachers, support staff and coaches of various activities.
- Continue to focus prayers for Vocations in the classroom - Rosary for Vocations; use school chapel to offer adoration – and Invite FOCUS missionaries to share their journey of Faith to increase Vocations to the Priesthood or Religious life.



**COMPLETED ACTION STEPS  
October 1, 2024 Report**

- Fr. Vogel has been to Cedar to visit and teach the Juniors and Seniors.
- Fr. Knecht has been to Cedar to visit and teach the 7th and 9th grade.
- Fr. Korte has stopped by to visit one section of the Juniors and Jr. High.
- Cedar students attend Mass on every First Friday, one Tues or Thurs and then two Wednesday's in the afternoon.
- Fr. Keiter making the final arrangements for the class retreats - he is bringing in the Culture Project to help lead the retreats with the Campus Ministers still giving short witness.
- Campus Ministers held a retreat in July - discussed their strengths and weaknesses; making Jesus the center of their lives.
- Eucharistic Adoration - all Cedar classes were able to go to church for adoration time - with ipad utilized to play Christian music.
- Fr. Korte changed the way he is doing Benediction at the end of the day - he offered his witness with music. Going forward, he wants a student and an adult to offer their witness.
- Confession was held during Theology classes on Sept 17 with Fr. Vogel, Fr. Liewer, Fr. Korte, Fr. Knecht, and Fr. Keiter all helping.
- **1.2** Fr. Korte blessed Cedar Catholic and had a short Eucharistic Procession around the school in September.
- **1.2** Discipleship started on September 4 & Oct 2- groups are separated by gender and grouped as grades 7,8,9 and then grades 10, 11, 12 - to help encourage conversation.
- **1.2** Rosary Rally 2024 - joining the Archdiocese of Omaha in praying the rosary for Vocations.
- **1.2** Classes will go to the chapel to pray the rosary as a group and then turn in the number to the Archdiocese Catholic School Office.
  - Students have used their Bibles for Theology classes and Adoration.
  - Teacher Retreat in August held in Coleridge.
  - Teachers have used Hallow app for class and own faith development.
- **1.3** Evangelium Institute this year will focus on Acts of the Apostles with a new leader who is very enthusiastic about his Catholic faith.
- **1.3** Teachers prayed a rosary for the Crofton children who were involved in an accident.
- **1.3** Juniors will have new Morality books for 2nd Semester this year.
- **1.3** Seniors have used online sources to find out about the Marriage Preparation - online FOCCUS test, Holy Trinity Marriage prep guidelines, Archdiocese of Omaha marriage prep guidelines
  - First Friday Mass in Sept - Cedar and HT invited grandparents to attend the Mass.
  - Printed calendars, church bulletins, and Sycamore post Mass for parents.
  - Seniors in CCHS chapel - prayers for vocations - collect names of priests from the seniors and freshmen to have intentional prayers for them.
- **1.4** Discipleship leaders - eight leaders are parents while 3 leaders are grandparents of CCHS students.
- **1.4** Invited an RCIA participant to share their story with Juniors who are studying the Sacraments of Initiation.

**July 1, 2024 Report**

- Rev. Owen Korte Celebrates weekly Masses, Reconciliation, Benediction, attends student functions, and currently serves as the President of Cedar Catholic High School.
- Rev. Jim Keiter conducts Retreats for our students in addition to celebrating Masses, Reconciliation, and other Church functions.
- Father Kevin Vogle Celebrates weekly Masses, Reconciliation, and Religion Classes at Cedar Catholic.
- Mr. Thomas Metya, Seminarian, supported our Religion classes on a weekly basis along with his support of school Masses, Benedictions, Campus Ministry, etc....
- Area and retired priests provide support and school Masses and Reconciliation.
- Students attend Mass weekly and on Holy Days.
- Each class participates in an off-campus retreat each year that is run by a priest and Campus Ministry members.



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*Developing Disciples  
for the Future*

- Each class attends first Friday Mass, spends their theology time at church for Eucharistic Adoration, and participates in Benediction.
- **1.2** Mr. Bengston organizes a community service day where students ring bells for the salvation army at various locations, students help decorate church, choir sings at nursing homes, etc.
- **1.2** Each class goes to Confession once a month - either during Theology class time or as a big group; Youth rally every other year & ideas for mini-rallies
- **1.3.** Each student was given a New Testament and Old Testament Bible that they can use in and outside class.
- **1.3** Teachers are provided the Hallow app for personal use and in their classroom.
- **1.3** Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School participates in the EI Institute to complete 26-hour Catholic Schools Archdiocese Program.
- **1.4** Parents, grandparents, and community volunteers currently participate and share their faith in Discipleship Groups.
- **1.4** Parents, grandparents, and parishioners are teachers/leaders in Family Formation, Jesus Night, and Confirmation preparation classes.
- **1.4** Many of our CCHS staff are parents/grandparents are invested in their child(ren)'s faith formation by being actively involved in church, school and activities by being teachers, support staff and coaches of various activities.