



# The Church of the Holy Redeemer

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We, the diverse faith community of the Church of the Holy Redeemer,  
are called to be church through Baptism to continue the mission of Jesus Christ.  
With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we gather for word and worship.  
We use our gifts to reach out in service to all.

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## Education Advisory Committee

Monday, August 3, 2009 - 6:00 pm at Roncalli Room, Parish Center Meeting Room

### Opening Prayer.

#### Education Advisory

**Members:** Becki Johnson  
Cindy Sanders  
David Johnson  
Kirstie Meyer  
Jill Gordon

**Staff:** Carol DeSmet  
Lori Timmerman  
Ryan Langr  
Ruth Larson

**Review of Minutes:** Approved

**Approval of Agenda:**

#### Reports:

1. School

- A. **Staffing** – Sheryl Kaiser (Grade 3, a.m.), Katie Lanoue (Spanish) and Kristen Berg (7/8 Language Arts) resigned their respective positions. At the time of this report contracts have been issued for all positions but waiting for final paperwork before reporting specific names.
- B. **Enrollment:** Enrollment is never definite until the first day of school, at this time - 26 in kindergarten and a total enrollment of somewhere between 275 and 280 students. Class sizes will be between thirteen and nineteen in each room.
- C. **Additional programs:** Positions are being filled.
- D. **Building Projects:** Playground installed. A playground blessing that will be held at 9:40 on the first day of school. Home and School will be meeting August 11<sup>th</sup> and further decisions about purchasing a trash receptacle and possible benches at that time. New lights have been installed in the chapel. Room 110, the teachers' lounge, and part of the chapel have been painted. Statues will be done before Open House on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- E. **Holy Redeemer School staff** will be working at the fair on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The staff will all be receiving first aid and CPR training at St. Edward School in Minneota on September 1st. The first day of school will be September 8<sup>th</sup> for grades 1-8 and September 14<sup>th</sup> for kindergarten.

2. Faith Formation

- A. **Vacation Bible School** had about 110 participants. About 90 youth helped in various ways.
- B. 41 youth went to **Valley Fair** in June. Those who attended enjoyed the day.
- C. **LifeForce** met once and came up with some ideas for next year. They will meet again with Ryan sometime in August.
- D. **Offices** were moved around this summer making a youth room in what use to be the Living Room and a meeting room. Some rooms were painted over the summer.
- E. **The handbook and registration** information will be completed and mailed shortly..
- F. **Teacher** meeting is scheduled for the second Wednesday in September (please call if interested in teaching).

- G. **Youth** will be painting faces on August 4 for the Neighborhood Night Out. Youth will also be parking cars at the Lyon County Fair on August 5 & 6.
- 3. Campus
  - A. Website has been undated.
  - B. Social and welcome of students will take place August 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - C. Developing a number of “Forums” to discuss and educate students and adults on church teaching.
- 4. RCIA
  - A. Summer Projects: Organizing and cleaning Youth Center.
  - B. Last Years Candidates: We had a social outing of golf and a dinner in July. The newly elect have an interest in being involved in the parish life and continuing their ongoing learning about the faith. The group plans to have another gathering in the middle of September.
  - C. Candidates for Next Year: We have fourteen inquires that have expressed an interest in becoming Catholic. And the new Hispanic Minister has some individuals who are baptized Catholic but will need to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. An interview process will begin in August to determine needs. Additional processing help will be needed in the inquirers stage. Interviews will be done and classes will begin the middle of September. Four adults are also looking to be prepared for the sacrament of Confirmation. They will join the class after the Rite of Acceptance on the First Sunday of Advent. They will have approximately twelve classes of preparation.
- 5. Adult Education
  - A. Bible Studies and Adult Education classes will start this fall.
  - B. “Finical Principles” will start this Fall.

**Sub-committee:**

- 1. Home & School: Fall meeting August 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. Technology: New computers have be purchased and installed for teacher and Administration use.
- 3. Recruitment: See above.
- 4. RCIA Advisory: Will meet to begin interviews and planning for program.
- 5. Youth Advisory: Will meet to welcome Ryan and plan youth programs and activities.

**Unfinished Business:**

- 1. Early Catholic Family Life program (ECFL). Tabled, waiting for information and action after August meeting in the Twin Cities.

**New Business:**

- 1. Election of Officers: Chair – Becki Johnson, Secretary -
- 2. Exit Interviews for all programs
- 3. Membership: adding RCIA and Youth Advisory representative.
- 4. Donut Sunday: Discussion was held to gather people between the 8:00 and 10:00 Sunday masses to promote fellowship and involvement from school age children. Further discussion to be held; hopeful start up the Sunday after HarvestFest.

**Closing Prayer:**