

Emmaus Faith Camp 2010

Starting with daily Mass, The Road to Emmaus Faith Camp provides religious instruction through many modes of learning: classroom study and discussion, arts and crafts, outdoor activities, and guided tours of the church identifying parts of the worship space and some components used in liturgy, such as: candles, bread and wine, priests' vestments. During this two-week program, the main purpose of the dedicated catechists and teen assistants is to intensify religious education for the students through a different theme every day.

Maggie Martin, our DRE, states: "We have found this program to be quite successful in uniting the bi-lingual aspect of our parish. The program is in English and begins with the daily English scheduled Mass. For those who attend only the Spanish Mass, this is an opportunity for them to learn the Mass in English. The students attend school and outside activities together and so this gives them an opportunity to worship together. We end each day back in the Church praying together, both in English and in Spanish. Parents generally join us for these few moments of prayer as they arrive to pick up their children."

These "graduates" of Faith Camp join their classmates in the fall with a background necessary to advance at the appropriate grade level toward reception of their sacraments.

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