

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY

St. John the Baptist Church

HISTORY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY

The Religious Education ministry was started in the year of 1985 under the leadership of Reverend Edgar Saguinsin. Before changing to Religious Education, the program was taken the name of CCD which is Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. This program was aiming to provide religious education to Catholic children attending secular school. These classes not only educate children about Jesus and the Catholic faith but prepare children to receive the sacraments of Penance (Confession), the Eucharist (Holy Communion), and Confirmation. In 1988, Mrs. Balatico, Evelyn first began her ministry as a religious education teacher/ helper. Along with other teachers, they have to go to Saint Damien Catholic Church every weekend to attend some seminars to educate themselves about the religious education. They hope to bring what they have learned at the seminar to teach back to their students. Like any other ministries, religious education program have faced many challenges in the early years of the ministry. Some of the challenges that the ministry struggled with were sharing the facility with other ministries; some teachers did not come on time for meeting and for classes; needed more substitute teachers; needed more devoted teachers for some Religious Education classes. Up to the present date, the ministry has become more organized and has reduced some of the challenges.

GOALS

- To convey the essential and fundamental content of Catholic faith and morals in a complete and summary way.
- To enable youth to form a Catholic identity
- To use work book, Bible, and other material as sources to plan the activities/ lesson for students.

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SCHEDULE

Class time	8:00am – 9:45am	Every Sunday
Open class	8:15am	Every Sunday
Meeting for teachers/ helpers	7:30am	Once a month

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

- Make rosaries/ holy cards/ the cross with wooden sticks
- Teachers will come up with their own ideas for activities for lesson plan
- Opening prayer as a group/ Singing in Sunday Choir/ Station of the Cross during Lent Season
- Singing Carol at the church during Christmas Season
- Doing almsgiving for the poor by asking the students to bring one can good once a month to donate to the food pantry ministry.

MEMBERS

The members of the Religious Education compose of the parents of the students who wished to teach their children about the Catholic essential and fundamental faith. The current leader of the ministry is Ms. Mara Vasay & Mrs. Balatico Evelyn.