

St. Remy Initiative
Professional Development for Catholic Educators
Theme: Educational Leadership
School Team Grant Proposal for 2017-2018

Date: Nov. 8, 2017

Team Members:

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School: St. Albert the Great

Describe your project. How will your project strengthen your school's Catholic identity and/or contribute to improved spiritual leadership? School-wide Retreat day. Our accreditation goals are to teach the students different forms of prayer and to increase critical thinking skills. Some of our spiritual activities will be guest speaker on prayer and meditation, creating crosses, making prayer blankets, a beatitude motivational video.

This project benefits our entire school from TK – 8th grade – 320 students. Our guest speaker will focus on meditation. The idea is to have students practice the different forms of prayer: meditation, petition, recited prayers, rosary, pray while coloring and crafting, and praying with sacramentals.

Retreat Day: Theme- Many forms of prayer

8-8:15- Church- whole school opening

Grades k-5- retreat day as outlined below

Grades 6-8 Net Ministries

8:20-9:25- Rotate between:

- a. Guest speaker on Christian Meditation
- b. Homeroom teacher- prayers of petition and use of sacramentals

9:55-11:35- Faith Stations

- a. Bible Story and Reflection-still deciding
- b. Team Building Activities: cup challenge, constr-a-gons tower, beach ball questions/prayer
- c. Praying with color- color crosses while quietly saying prayers for others, crosses taken back to homeroom to hang inside.

11:35-11:45 TK-5---process morning in homeroom...discussion

11:45-12:30 Lunch/Recess

12:45-2:10 Faith Stations

- a. Walking Rosary-
- b. Beatitude Actions- students make a card with beatitude on one side and an action they can take on the other side- making a photo and video collection of this, as students flip the card
- c. Prayer Blanket- combining with CJ Capstone project to tie knots on prayer blankets.
As students tie knots they are silently say their prayer intention.

2:15-2:45- Quiet down time in homeroom, homeroom teacher choice of how to do this!

Introduce Prayer Box for each class. Students can take home the box and pray with their families.

2:45- Closing Prayer- Our Father- holding hands in the entire building

1. How does your plan fit in with your existing Accreditation Goals?

Please include at least one criterion from each of the following:

A. National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Schools-

An Excellent Catholic School adhering to missions provides opportunities outside the classroom for student faith formation, participation in liturgical and communal prayer, and action in service of social justice.

B. Ohio Standards for Professional Development

Provides ongoing opportunities for educators to work together.

4.2 Includes a variety of learning experiences.

C. Accreditation goals, strategic plans, or school needs

Students will grow in their knowledge of the traditions and rituals of the Catholic Church by learning many forms of prayer.

2. Define clearly your evaluation plan for your project. **BE SPECIFIC!**

- Be sure to include the total number of participants benefitting/impacted by your school project.

320 students and 35 staff members will be affected by this project. We will do a google survey asking about the effectiveness of the retreat day.

1. What was your favorite part of our student retreat day held during Catholic Schools Week?
2. Was there long enough time planned for the activities in each room?
3. Were the activities age appropriate for your groups?
4. Did you feel well prepared for the day (well informed)?
5. What would you suggest if anything to improve upon the day?
6. How likely are you to use these prayer ideas in your classes?

3. Action Plan: How will the mini grant dollars (up to \$500 per school) be utilized?

Craft supplies, fabric and paper, some to Net Ministries

Task	Date of Initiation and Duration	People Responsible	Materials or Resources Needed	Cost
prayer blankets		Christine	fabric	\$300
paper items for rosaries and coloring		Retreat Team	paper, color printing, laminating	\$100
team building		Nancy	constragons, cups, beach balls	donated
Net Ministries		Christine	team	\$1000
decorations/crosses		Colette		\$100

TOTAL COST: \$500

Preliminary Proposal Deadline: BY NOON on November 14, 2017
Revised Proposal Deadline (if needed): BY NOON on February 13, 2018

Thank you!