

Pax Christi Children's Ministry Team

Mission Statement:

“In light of the Pax Christi Catholic Church Mission and Vision Statements, namely, “A Eucharistic Community united to continue the mission and message of Jesus”, we, the Children's Ministry Team of Pax Christi, adopt this to be our Mission statement along with promoting and translating the Catholic education and spiritual needs of pre-school through elementary aged children while removing barriers to participation.”

Vision Statement of Children's Ministry:

“Getting to know Jesus personally through prayer, community, service, and growing in our Catholic Faith.”

A Little Bit About Us....

In 2006, a group of concerned Pax Christi parents came together to discuss their concerns about faith formation program options at Pax. While GIFT was the primary faith formation program offered, this group of parents was still concerned that there was a missing piece in the formidable years of their children's journey in faith.

In 2007, they had prepared a presentation of their concerns to the Pastoral Council (this presentation can be found in the Children's Advisory Board Record Book). Many surveys were distributed to the faith community asking what parents wanted for their children and which Sacramental programs could be offered. These materials were all taken to a Task Force, and thus, the Pax Christi Children's Advisory Board was born.

As you can see above, Mission and Vision Statements were labored over in the beginning meetings and there was much discussion as to where the Advisory Board was headed. By-Laws were discussed and written to give the Board direction and what was expected of its members (also in the Children's Advisory Board Record Book). Educational materials and curricula were gathered and discussed. Dates and times of the classes for children, registration methods and organization were also suggested. A program coordinator was suggested and approved to facilitate this program.

By the fall of 2007, viable programs had been set up: the Sunday school program became the Pre-School Program; the already existing Catechesis of the Good Shepherd would continue; and the newest program, Kingdom Kids, would serve children in grades 1-5.

In the fall of 2011, the Board became more of a working 'team' and the name was changed to the "Children's Ministry Team". With the Team now firmly established, interested church members are given the opportunity to join the Team, following a discernment process, in an attempt to recruit more members. The Children's Ministry Team has provided the staff of Pax Christi with many advances, suggestions, advice, and support. The Team hopes to continue determining what is best for the children of Pax Christi on their journey of faith in their lives.