



## Action Plans

*Action Plans are steps taken in order to accomplish the strategies listed as important. Action plans must be funded, have staffing resources, time committed to seeing the action plan through, and communication on what is to be done, and what is finished. The action plan must be measurable and evaluated annually.*

## Action Plans:

### **Religious Education Programs**

**Strategy 1.1:** Increase involvement, visibility and continuity of Priests and/or Religious in our schools and Parishes.

- Continue to invite Priests and seminarians to visit Theology classes on a Monthly basis in order to have a presence with students, to get to know students, and to be available to answer questions.
- Invite retired and visiting Priests and Sisters to visit and meet with Cedar Catholic students.

**Strategy 1.2:** Continue to schedule and increase access to Mass, Retreats, Rally's, Eucharistic Adoration, Campus Ministry and Discipleship, and Community Service Programs.

- Continue to have students attend Mass weekly and on Holy Days.
- Continue to have each class participate in an off-campus retreat each year that is run by a priest and Campus Ministry members.
- Connect with Newman Centers of local universities/colleges; FOCUS missionaries; other high school Catholic schools for CCHS high school students for retreats, etc.
- Continue to have each class attend first Friday Mass, spends their theology time at church for Eucharistic Adoration, and participates in Benediction.
- Continue to coordinate a service day where students ring bells for the salvation army at various locations, students help decorate church, choir sings at nursing homes, etc.
- Continue to host the Large Youth rally every other year & ideas for mini-rallies and schedule and coordinate mini retreats in off years of the larger Rally. Sending students to our elementary schools to do religious activities with elementary kids.
- Continue to have each class go to Confession once a month - either during Theology class time or as a big group.

**Strategy 1.3:** Continue to explore and expand resources and materials used in Religious Education Classes.

- Continue to provide a Bible for students to use in and outside class.
- Continue to provide teachers the Hallow app for personal use and in their classroom.
- Coordinate with the Evangelism Institute (EI) to provide resources and professional development to meet the 26-hour Catholic Schools Archdiocese Program.

**Strategy 1.4:** Increase opportunities for parents to be more involved in their child's faith formation and increased Vocations.

- Continue recruiting parents, grandparents, and community volunteers and share their faith in Discipleship Groups.
- Invite parents to daily mass - use bulletins; send note at beginning of year Cedar Masses at 8am or 2:40; check Sycamore calendar
- Continue supporting CCHS staff that are parents/grandparents to invest in their child(ren)'s faith formation by being actively involved in church, school and activities by being teachers, support staff and coaches of various activities.
- Continue to focus prayers for Vocations in the classroom - Rosary for Vocations; use school chapel to offer adoration – and Invite FOCUS missionaries to share their journey of Faith to increase Vocations to the Priesthood or Religious life.





## COMPLETED ACTION STEPS

### January 1, 2025 Report

- 1.1** Increase involvement, visibility, and continuity of Priests and/or Religious in our schools and Parishes
- Continued priest visits to the classrooms
  - Fr. Zachary Tucker coming on Friday Dec 13 to visit with Fr. Korte and Mrs. Christensen about what kind of visits do we want from him with our kids
- 1.2** Continue to schedule and increase access to Mass, Retreats, Rally's, Eucharistic Adoration, Campus Ministry, Discipleship, and Community Service Programs
- Continue to attend weekly Mass
  - First Friday Nov. 1 and Dec 6 - all classes had opportunity to go to Adoration at HT church
  - Class retreats were held for all classes in Oct, Nov, Dec - Campus Ministers gave witness talks along with the Culture Project presentations
  - Discipleship in Nov and Dec
  - Confession during Theology classes in Nov. For Dec we will have a Reconciliation service for 12, 11, 10 and then 7,8,9 attend
  - Theology students are working on first semester Archdiocesan assessments.
  - Students continue to work on their service hours by serving at Mass, at the Fall Blitz, concession stands, church cleaning - they need 10 for 2nd Q
  - Campus Ministers are invited to read books to HT students on Dec 6
  - Juniors. and Seniors are invited to help at the Yankton Area Banquet
  - Chapel - Adoration time for kids - Dec 17 Adoration in the chapel - as part of Las Posadas - journey of Mary and Joseph
  - Service Day on Friday Dec 20 for all Cedar students - going to Benedictine Monastery, Majestic Bluffs, Crofton teachers, Salvation Army ringing bells
- 1.3** Continue to explore and expand resources and materials used in Religious Education Classes
- Students continue to use their Bibles for class and Adoration
  - Use the Hallow app for Advent music, daily quiz, podcasts
  - Seniors used various online resources to research and present on a pope of their choice
  - Advent wreath displayed in entryway
  - Holy Souls list and prayers said during Nov.
  - ACRE test taken by 9th and 12th graders in Nov.
- 1.4** Increase opportunities for parents to be more involved in their child's faith formation and increased Vocations
- Calendars, bulletins and Sycamore has Mass times for Cedar students

### *Ideas for future*

- Seniors will visit Norfolk Monastery Jan 10
- Focus Missionary - Sara Burbach to visit in January, contacting Sydney Becker to visit, add Jared Burbach to that list too
- Fr. Keiter suggested looking at people from area Newman Centers like Wayne, UNL, UNO, SDSU to come into Cedar to visit with kids
- Fr Vogel would like us consider Theology class time - stay away from 1st period so priests can come in and visit and not worry about Mass time
- CSW - invite parents to something or Vocations activity
- Campus Ministry to go to Osmond to do activity with elementary kids
- Mount Marty - Magnify the Mount events - Fr. Keiter suggested the living Stations in Lent
- Mrs. Mainquist 8th graders will email priests/religious brothers and sisters about their order and life - 2nd Semester
- Fr. Korte suggested doing something like HT school - invite the parents of the class to come in and lead a rosary - we could do the whole school at the end of the day or pray with the class in the chapel - intentions could be vocations, for the class
- Discipleship discussion - Adam Pinkelman, Renae Mainquist and Lori Christensen plan to meet with Campus Ministers for a round table discussion about the groups -what is it, how to make it better, possibly activities
- Witness volunteers for Friday Benediction - Ben Kleinschmit, Jayda Bernecker Klug, Adam Pinkelman



## October 1, 2024 Report

- Fr. Vogel has been to Cedar to visit and teach the Juniors and Seniors.
- Fr. Knecht has been to Cedar to visit and teach the 7th and 9th grade.
- Fr. Korte has stopped by to visit one section of the Juniors and Jr. High.
- Cedar students attend Mass on every First Friday, one Tues or Thurs and then two Wednesday's in the afternoon.
- Fr. Keiter making the final arrangements for the class retreats - he is bringing in the Culture Project to help lead the retreats with the Campus Ministers still giving short witness.
- Campus Ministers held a retreat in July - discussed their strengths and weaknesses; making Jesus the center of their lives.
- Eucharistic Adoration - all Cedar classes were able to go to church for adoration time - with ipad utilized to play Christian music.
- Fr. Korte changed the way he is doing Benediction at the end of the day - he offered his witness with music. Going forward, he wants a student and an adult to offer their witness.
- Confession was held during Theology classes on Sept 17 with Fr. Vogel, Fr. Liewer, Fr. Korte, Fr. Knecht, and Fr. Keiter all helping.
- 1.2 Fr. Korte blessed Cedar Catholic and had a short Eucharistic Procession around the school in September.
- 1.2 Discipleship started on September 4 & Oct 2- groups are separated by gender and grouped as grades 7,8,9 and then grades 10, 11, 12 - to help encourage conversation.
- 1.2 Rosary Rally 2024 - joining the Archdiocese of Omaha in praying the rosary for Vocations.
- 1.2 Classes will go to the chapel to pray the rosary as a group and then turn in the number to the Archdiocese Catholic School Office.
  - Students have used their Bibles for Theology classes and Adoration.
  - Teacher Retreat in August held in Coleridge.
  - Teachers have used Hallow app for class and own faith development.
- 1.3 Evangelium Institute this year will focus on Acts of the Apostles with a new leader who is very enthusiastic about his Catholic faith.
- 1.3 Teachers prayed a rosary for the Crofton children who were involved in an accident.
- 1.3 Juniors will have new Morality books for 2nd Semester this year.
- 1.3 Seniors have used online sources to find out about the Marriage Preparation - online FOCCUS test, Holy Trinity Marriage prep guidelines, Archdiocese of Omaha marriage prep guidelines
  - First Friday Mass in Sept - Cedar and HT invited grandparents to attend the Mass.
  - Printed calendars, church bulletins, and Sycamore post Mass for parents.
  - Seniors in CCHS chapel - prayers for vocations - collect names of priests from the seniors and freshmen to have intentional prayers for them.
- 1.4 Discipleship leaders - eight leaders are parents while 3 leaders are grandparents of CCHS students.
- 1.4 Invited an RCIA participant to share their story with Juniors who are studying the Sacraments of Initiation.

## July 1, 2024 Report

- Rev. Owen Korte Celebrates weekly Masses, Reconciliation, Benediction, attends student functions, and currently serves as the President of Cedar Catholic High School.
- Rev. Jim Keiter conducts Retreats for our students in addition to celebrating Masses, Reconciliation, and other Church functions.
- Father Kevin Vogle Celebrates weekly Masses, Reconciliation, and Religion Classes at Cedar Catholic.
- Mr. Thomas Metya, Seminarian, supported our Religion classes on a weekly basis along with his support of school Masses, Benedictions, Campus Ministry, etc....
- Area and retired priests provide support and school Masses and Reconciliation.
- Students attend Mass weekly and on Holy Days.
- Each class participates in an off-campus retreat each year that is run by a priest and Campus Ministry members.
- Each class attends first Friday Mass, spends their theology time at church for Eucharistic Adoration, and participates in Benediction.
- 1.2 Mr. Bengston organizes a community service day where students ring bells for the salvation army at various locations, students help decorate church, choir sings at nursing homes, etc.





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*Developing Disciples  
for the Future*

- **1.2** Each class goes to Confession once a month - either during Theology class time or as a big group; Youth rally every other year & ideas for mini-rallies
- **1.3.** Each student was given a New Testament and Old Testament Bible that they can use in and outside class.
- **1.3** Teachers are provided the Hallow app for personal use and in their classroom.
- **1.3** Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School participates in the EI Institute to complete 26-hour Catholic Schools Archdiocese Program.
- **1.4** Parents, grandparents, and community volunteers currently participate and share their faith in Discipleship Groups.
- **1.4** Parents, grandparents, and parishioners are teachers/leaders in Family Formation, Jesus Night, and Confirmation preparation classes.
- **1.4** Many of our CCHS staff are parents/grandparents are invested in their child(ren)'s faith formation by being actively involved in church, school and activities by being teachers, support staff and coaches of various activities.