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Project Purpose

The purpose of the School of Religion Project for the 2022-2023 school year was to increase communication on behalf of Catholic schools, build positive relationships with Pastors and Directors of Religious Education, and gather meaningful data related to program enrollment.

Increase Communication	
1.	Reiterate to parishes and Directors of Religious Education that we, the Office of Catholic Schools and Catholic schools, understand and respect that parents are a child’s first teacher , and that they make the decision that is best for their child and family.
2.	Express schools’ desire to share information with families so that they can make the best informed decision for their family.
Build Positive Relationships	
3.	Identify opportunities for collaboration and relationship building between Catholic schools and parishes’ School of Religion programs.
4.	Identify challenges faced by Directors of Religious Education and ways schools can help address these challenges.
5.	Create open dialogue for Directors of Religious Education to share their insights, observations, and challenges as related to relationships between School of Religion programs and Catholic schools.
Gather Data and Information	
6.	Identify the number of students presently enrolled in School of Religion programs that are not presently attending a Catholic school.
7.	Identify misconceptions held by School of Religion Families regarding Catholic schools.

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Overview of Findings

From January 2023 through May 2023, the Office of Catholic Schools' Consultant for Marketing and Enrollment Management gathered data pertaining to School of Religion (SOR) programs across the Archdiocese. Communication attempts were made with 99 parishes, their pastors, and (if applicable) the Director of Religious Education. Conversation amongst the Division of Child and Family Formation personnel, which includes the Office of Catholic Schools and Children's Catechesis, also took place.

Enrollment

Using SOR program information shared by parishes, as well as data from the Office for Care and Protection (per VIRTUS lesson records), there are an estimated 8,878 children, Kindergarten through 12th grade, that are registered in SOR programs and *not* enrolled in Catholic school. *See Appendix for enrollment breakdown.*

2022-2023 School of Religion Enrollment Information								ArchKCK Totals	
The following numbers are based on data provided by parishes to the Office for Protection and Care (Virtus training numbers) and enrollment numbers shared with the Catholic Schools Office by Directors of Religious Education.								Kn - 2nd	2349
								3rd - 5th	2658
								6th - 8th	2678
								9th - 12th	1193
								Total K-12	8878
Wyandotte County Totals		Johnson County Totals		Topeka Region Totals		Atchison Region			
Kn - 2nd	45	Kn - 2nd	1000	Kn - 2nd	548	Kn - 2nd	82		
3rd - 5th	147	3rd - 5th	1196	3rd - 5th	472	3rd - 5th	77		
6th - 8th	124	6th - 8th	1266	6th - 8th	446	6th - 8th	50		
9th - 12th	177	9th - 12th	304	9th - 12th	167	9th - 12th	18		
Total K-12	493	Total K-12	3766	Total K-12	1633	Total K-12	227		
Leavenworth County Totals		Southern Region Totals		Northern Region Totals		Lawrence Region Totals			
Kn - 2nd	108	Kn - 2nd	221	Kn - 2nd	263	Kn - 2nd	82		
3rd - 5th	186	3rd - 5th	274	3rd - 5th	240	3rd - 5th	66		
6th - 8th	197	6th - 8th	299	6th - 8th	211	6th - 8th	85		
9th - 12th	30	9th - 12th	153	9th - 12th	305	9th - 12th	39		
Total K-12	521	Total K-12	947	Total K-12	1019	Total K-12	272		

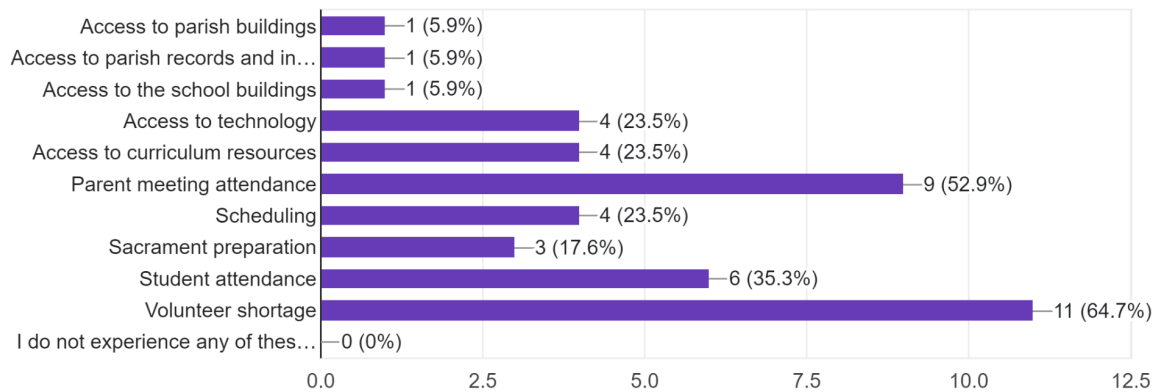
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Feedback from DREs

Seventeen DREs completed an anonymous survey sent out by the Office of Catholic Schools. Of the respondents: 7 were from parishes in Johnson County, 3 from Wyandotte County, 2 from Leavenworth County, 2 from Miami County, 1 from Atchison County, 1 from Anderson County, and 1 from Franklin County.

Which of the following are challenges you, as a DRE, experience? Please mark all that apply.

17 responses



When asked about the feelings, perceptions, and misconceptions of families regarding Catholic education, 64.7% of DREs said they had heard families say they cannot afford Catholic education. Another 58.8% also had heard families say the Catholic schools could not meet their child's special needs. 29.4% of DREs had heard SOR families express that the Catholic schools were not inviting of SOR families. According to DRES, affordability and student services, along with not being invited or information about the school, were the reasons SOR families do not send their child to Catholic school.

See Appendix for full survey results.

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Need	Opportunity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continued dialogue at the Archdiocesan level regarding pastor and school relations. ● Provide SOR families with information regarding scholarships and the affordability of Catholic education. ● Create welcoming environments in schools to support SOR programs and relations. ● Shared information between parishes and schools, on both ends, to further extend the reach and impact of evangelization and faith formation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create stronger communities through collaboration between parishes and schools. ● Support shared ministries through invitation, collaboration, and sharing of resources between schools and SOR programs. ● Increase enrollment across the ArchKCK, specifically parish families that previously did not think Catholic school was an option for their family. ● Increase Catholic school family participation in faith formation and youth programs in the parish. ● Invite parish communities, especially those with no school affiliation and with smaller numbers, to be a part of Catholic school special events.

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Office of Catholic Schools Action Items

- The Office of Catholic Schools will continue to engage parishes and pastors to discuss opportunities for sharing of information between schools and School of Religion programs. *In progress as of 5/15/23*
- The Office of Catholic Schools will reach out to DREs annually for program enrollment updates to share with schools.
- The Office of Catholic Schools will reach out to the Office for Care and Protection annually for program enrollment updates to share with schools.
- The Office of Catholic Schools will create flyers for parishes without an affiliated school, to include information about those schools within a 30 minute radius. *In progress as of 5/15/23*
- The Office of Catholic Schools will provide schools with specific ways they can show hospitality to DREs and SOR families when sharing spaces. *Complete. See Appendix*
- The Office of Catholic Schools will speak with SOR families directly to hear their perspective and gain further insight into families' present challenges and the reason for school selection.
- The Office of Catholic Schools, in cooperation with the Office of Hispanic Ministry, will send out an English/Spanish survey to parishes with Hispanic ministries for SOR family completion. *In progress as of 5/15/23*
- The Office of Catholic Schools will identify opportunities to share faith formation and religion curriculum with DREs. *In progress as of 5/15/23*
- The Office of Catholic Schools will publish an updated School of Religion Summary Report each year to share with school leaders and enrollment managers.

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SOR Breakdown by Region

ArchKCK School of Religion 2022-2023			Total Enrollment PK-12th				
#	Parish	City	Kn-2nd Students	3rd - 5th Students	6th - 8th Students	9th - 12th Students	Total Students
Region: Wyandotte County							
1	All Saints	KCK	-	-	-	-	0
2	Blessed Sacrament	KCK	-	-	-	-	0
3	Cathedral of St. Peter	KCK	0	21	7	49	77
4	Christ the King	KCK	0	25	0	7	32
5	Holy Family	KCK	9	0	4	1	14
6	Holy Name	KCK	9	0	2	0	11
7	Our Lady and St. Rose*	Kansas City	2	5	3	9	19
8	Our Lady of Unity Parish	KCK	0	46	51	91	188
9	St. John the Baptist	KCK	0	0	0	0	0
10	St. Mary - St. Anthony Parish	KCK	-	-	-	-	0
11	St. Patrick*	KCK	25	50	57	20	152
Total Reported Enrollment:			45	147	124	177	493
Region: Johnson County							
1	Ascension	Overland Park	123	126	104	0	353
2	Cure of Ars	Leawood	52	35	21	0	108
3	Divine Mercy	Gardner	72	87	91	30	280
4	Good Shepherd	Shawnee	57	82	154	0	293
5	Holy Angels	Garnett	-	-	-	-	0
6	Holy Cross	Overland Park	30	77	41	35	183
7	Holy Spirit	Overland Park	47	49	53	23	172
8	Holy Trinity	Lenexa	12	78	42	32	164
9	Nativity	Leawood	55	51	37	7	150
10	Prince of Peace	Olathe	95	72	116	31	314
11	Queen of the Holy Rosary	Overland Park	16	15	15	0	46
12	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Shawnee	106	103	127	12	348
13	St. Agnes	Roeland Park	16	21	25	2	64
14	St. Ann	Prairie Village	38	31	28		97
15	St. John Paul II	Olathe	25	30	25	15	95

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16	St. Joseph	Shawnee	40	13	26	3	82
17	St. Michael the Archangel	Leawood	138	138	194	44	514
18	St. Paul	Olathe	61	178	149	54	442
19	St. Pius X	Mission	5	10	0	16	31
20	St. Rose Philippine Duchesne	Mission Woods	12	0	18	0	30
Total Reported Enrollment:			1000	1196	1266	304	3766
Region: Topeka, Kansas							
1	Christ the King	Topeka	50	48	60	0	158
2	Holy Family	Alma, Wamego	20	18	8	0	46
3	Mater Dei Parish*	Topeka	3	0	5	0	8
4	Most Pure Heart of Mary*	Topeka	34	20	27	0	81
5	Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish	Topeka	54	52	22	0	128
6	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Topeka	51	116	127	47	341
7	Sacred Heart	Paxico	8	14	6	0	28
8	Sacred Heart - St. Joseph	Topeka	19	28	19	0	66
9	St. Aloysius	Meriden	14	12	11	17	54
10	St. Dominic (combined with St. Francis)	Holton	23	28	24	7	82
11	St. Bernard++	Wamego,	161	-	-	36	197
12	St. Francis Xavier Parish	Mayetta	6	7	9	0	22
13	St. John - St. Mary Vianney	Maple Hill	-	-	-	-	0
14	St. Joseph	Flush, Wamego	35	35	53	0	123
15	St. Leo Parish	Horton	32	42	16	22	112
16	St. Matthew	Topeka	12	21	33	13	79
17	St. Stanislaus Parish	Rossville	21	27	22	21	91
18	St. Theresa Parish	Perry	5	4	4	4	17
Total Reported Enrollment:			548	472	446	167	1633
Region: Leavenworth County							
1	Holy Angels	Basehor	0	44	88	0	132
2	Immaculate Conception - St. Joseph	Leavenworth	9	23	29	0	61

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3	Sacred Heart - St. Casimir	Leavenworth	1	3	3	0	7
4	St. Francis de Sales	Lansing	28	35	35	17	115
5	St. Ignatious+	Fort Leavenworth	70	30	27	13	140
6	St. Joseph - St. Lawrence	Easton	0	51	15	0	66
Total Reported Enrollment:			108	186	197	30	521
Region: Southern Region							
1	Annunciation	Baldwin	8	5	6	0	19
2	Holy Family	Eudora	42	24	40	14	120
3	Holy Trinity	Paola	13	20	21	19	73
4	Immaculate Conception	Louisburg	24	30	24	0	78
5	Our Lady of Lourdes	Lacygne/Osawatomie	1	2	2	0	5
6	Queen of the Holy Rosary - Wea	Bucyrus	41	52	31	12	136
7	Sacred Heart	Emporia	16	13	54	23	106
8	Sacred Heart	Ottawa	10	12	18	7	47
9	Sacred Heart	Mound City, Osawatomie	0	8	7	13	28
10	St. Boniface-Scipio	Garnett	20	16	15	21	72
11	St. Catherine Parish	Emporia	0	57	45	25	127
12	St. John	Greeley	-	-	-	-	0
13	St. Joseph	Waverly, Burlington	-	-	-	-	0
14	St. Joseph	Olpe	18	17	16	3	54
15	St. Mary	Hartford	-	-	-	-	0
16	St. Patrick	Osage City, Scranton	7	4	0	0	11
17	St. Philip Neri	Osawatomie	10	6	7	1	24
18	St. Teresa	Westphalia	11	8	13	15	47
Total Reported Enrollment:			221	274	299	153	947
Region: Atchison							
1	Corpus Christi	Mooney Creek, Atchison	10	17	10	0	37
2	Immaculate Conception - St. Joseph	Valley Falls	10	0	2	0	12
3	St. Ann	Effingham	-	-	-	-	30

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4	St. Benedict	Atchison	45	39	13	0	97
5	St. Benedict	Bendena	0	4	9	0	13
6	St. Charles Parish	Troy	0	0	0	0	0
7	St. Joseph	Wathena	1	11	5	5	22
8	St. Joseph	Nortonville	10	6	4	13	33
9	St. Louis Parish	Effingham	6	0	7	0	13
Total Reported Enrollment:			82	77	50	18	227
Region: Northern							
1	Annunciation - St. Columbkille	Frankfort	12	70	0	24	106
2	Holy Family	Axtell	-	-	-	-	0
3	Immaculate Conception	St. Mary's	30	31	29	24	114
4	Sacred Heart	Sabetha	23	24	18	32	97
5	Sacred Heart	Baileyville	14	12	16	22	64
6	St. Ann	Hiawatha	14	15	15	15	59
8	St. Columbkille++	Blaine	13	-	-	-	13
9	St. Gregory	Marysville	2	6	31	30	69
10	St. James	Wetmore	16	0	6	7	29
11	St. Malachy	Beattie	0	0	0	0	0
12	St. Mary - St. Benedict	Seneca	2	3	7	11	23
13	St. Michael++	Axtell	67	-	-	27	94
14	St. Monica - St. Elizabeth	Blue Rapids, Frankfort	15	14	18	0	47
15	St. Patrick	Corning	30	33	42	43	148
16	St. Vincent de Paul	Onaga	10	9	11	12	42
17	Sts. Peter and Paul Parish	Seneca	15	23	18	58	114
Total Reported Enrollment:			263	240	211	305	1019
Region: Lawrence							
1	Corpus Christi	Lawrence	14	15	30	0	59
2	Sacred Heart	Tonganoxie	37	21	34	20	112
3	St. Bede	Kelly	16	16	21	19	72

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4	St. John the Evangelist	Lawrence	15	14	0	0	29
Total Reported Enrollment:			82	66	85	39	272
* Data coming from School Office							
- No data submitted							

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3	Ascension	Overland Park	123	126	104	0	353
4	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Shawnee	106	103	127	12	348
5	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Topeka	51	116	127	47	341
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11	Holy Cross	Overland Park	30	77	41	35	183
12	Holy Spirit	Overland Park	47	49	53	23	172
13	Holy Trinity	Lenexa	12	78	42	32	164
14	Christ the King	Topeka	50	48	60	0	158
15	St. Patrick*	KCK	25	50	57	20	152
16	Nativity	Leawood	55	51	37	7	150
17	St. Patrick	Corning	30	33	42	43	148
18	Queen of the Holy Rosary - Wea	Bucyrus	41	52	31	12	136
19	Holy Angels	Basehor	0	44	88	0	132
20	Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish	Topeka	54	52	22	0	128
21	St. Catherine Parish	Emporia	0	57	45	25	127
22	St. Joseph	Flush, Wamego	35	35	53	0	123
23	Holy Family	Eudora	42	24	40	14	120
24	St. Francis de Sales	Lansing	28	35	35	17	115
25	Immaculate Conception	St. Mary's	30	31	29	24	114
26	Sts. Peter and Paul Parish	Seneca	15	23	18	58	114
27	St. Leo Parish	Horton	32	42	16	22	112
28	Sacred Heart	Tonganoxie	37	21	34	20	112
29	Cure of Ars	Leawood	52	35	21	0	108
30	Sacred Heart	Emporia	16	13	54	23	106
31	Annunciation - St. Columbkille	Frankfort	12	70	0	24	106
32	St. Ann	Prairie Village	38	31	28		97
33	St. Benedict	Atchison	45	39	13	0	97
34	Sacred Heart	Sabetha	23	24	18	32	97
35	St. John Paul II	Olathe	25	30	25	15	95
36	St. Michael++	Axtell	67	-	-	27	94
37	St. Stanislaus Parish	Rossville	21	27	22	21	91
38	St. Joseph	Shawnee	40	13	26	3	82
39	St. Dominic (combined with St. Francis)	Holton	23	28	24	7	82
40	Most Pure Heart of Mary*	Topeka	34	20	27	0	81
41	St. Matthew	Topeka	12	21	33	13	79
42	Immaculate Conception	Louisburg	24	30	24	0	78
43	Cathedral of St. Peter	KCK	0	21	7	49	77
44	Holy Trinity	Paola	13	20	21	19	73
45	St. Boniface-Scipio	Garnett	20	16	15	21	72
46	St. Bede	Kelly	16	16	21	19	72
47	St. Gregory	Marysville	2	6	31	30	69
48	Sacred Heart - St. Joseph	Topeka	19	28	19	0	66
49	St. Joseph - St. Lawrence	Easton	0	51	15	0	66
50	St. Agnes	Roeland Park	16	21	25	2	64
51	Sacred Heart	Baileyville	14	12	16	22	64
52	Immaculate Conception - St. Joseph	Leavenworth	9	23	29	0	61
53	St. Ann	Hiawatha	14	15	15	15	59
54	Corpus Christi	Lawrence	14	15	30	0	59
55	St. Aloysius	Meriden	14	12	11	17	54
56	St. Joseph	Olpe	18	17	16	3	54

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57	Sacred Heart	Ottawa	10	12	18	7	47
58	St. Teresa	Westphalia	11	8	13	15	47
59	St. Monica - St. Elizabeth	Blue Rapids, Frankfort	15	14	18	0	47
60	Queen of the Holy Rosary	Overland Park	16	15	15	0	46
61	Holy Family	Alma, Wamego	20	18	8	0	46
62	St. Vincent de Paul	Onaga	10	9	11	12	42
63	Corpus Christi	Mooney Creek, Atchison	10	17	10	0	37
64	St. Joseph	Nortonville	10	6	4	13	33
65	Christ the King	KCK	0	25	0	7	32
66	St. Pius X	Mission	5	10	0	16	31
67	St. Rose Philippine Duchesne	Mission Woods	12	0	18	0	30
68	St. Ann	Effingham	-	-	-	-	30
69	St. James	Wetmore	16	0	6	7	29
70	St. John the Evangelist	Lawrence	15	14	0	0	29
71	Sacred Heart	Paxico	8	14	6	0	28
72	Sacred Heart	Mound City, Osawatomie	0	8	7	13	28
73	St. Philip Neri	Osawatomie	10	6	7	1	24
74	St. Mary - St. Benedict	Seneca	2	3	7	11	23
75	St. Francis Xavier Parish	Mayetta	6	7	9	0	22
76	St. Joseph	Wathena	1	11	5	5	22
77	Our Lady and St. Rose*	Kansas City	2	5	3	9	19
78	Annunciation	Baldwin	8	5	6	0	19
79	St. Theresa Parish	Perry	5	4	4	4	17
80	Holy Family	KCK	9	0	4	1	14
81	St. Benedict	Bendena	0	4	9	0	13
82	St. Louis Parish	Effingham	6	0	7	0	13
83	St. Columbkille++	Blaine	13	-	-	-	13
84	Immaculate Conception - St. Joseph	Valley Falls	10	0	2	0	12
85	Holy Name	KCK	9	0	2	0	11
86	St. Patrick	Osage City, Scranton	7	4	0	0	11
87	Mater Dei Parish*	Topeka	3	0	5	0	8
88	Sacred Heart - St. Casimir	Leavenworth	1	3	3	0	7
89	Our Lady of Lourdes	Lacygne/Osawatomie	1	2	2	0	5
90	St. John the Baptist	KCK	0	0	0	0	0
91	St. Mary - St. Anthony Parish	KCK	-	-	-	-	-
92	Holy Angels	Garnett	-	-	-	-	-
93	St. John - St. Mary Vianney	Maple Hill	-	-	-	-	-
94	St. Ignatious+	Fort Leavenworth	70	30	27	13	140
95	St. John	Greeley	-	-	-	-	-
96	St. Joseph	Waverly, Burlington	-	-	-	-	-
97	St. Mary	Hartford	-	-	-	-	-
98	St. Charles Parish	Troy	0	0	0	0	0
99	Holy Family	Axtell	-	-	-	-	-
100	St. Malachy	Beattie	-	-	-	-	-
101	All Saints	KCK	-	-	-	-	-
102	Blessed Sacrament	KCK	-	-	-	-	-
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Building Positive Relationships Grid

Building Relationships

Each week, select a box at random.
Use the prompt to help build a positive relationship between the school and parish religious education programs.

Students: Write a riddle or joke on a piece of paper and leave it on your desk. See if the SOR students can solve it!	Teachers: Ask for the names and birthday month of the SOR students in your room. Create a card for them.	School Leaders: Create an Ambassador Group or have Student Council greet SOR students at the door and help them find their classroom.	Teachers: Have a welcome binder that includes any needed passwords (e.g. Wifi), locations, directions to the bathroom, and so forth!
Teachers: Next time your class leads Mass, include SOR students and families in the intentions.	Teachers: Setup a pen pal program between school and SOR students. Leave letters, notes, cards, or drawings on the desks.	Students: Think of something funny that happened today. Draw a comic to share with SOR!	School Leaders: Invite DREs to the school's next faith formation or professional development day.
School Leaders: Have a reception in the evening or on the weekend so students can meet their SOR counterparts.	Teachers: Identify an area in the classroom where SOR is welcome to leave books, pens, and other materials.	Teacher: Make a welcome sign and have all of the students sign it. Encourage SOR students to sign it as well.	Students: Leave an inspirational quote or Bible verse on your desk to share.
Teachers: Write a welcome message on the board. Invite students to sign their names.	School Leaders: Designate a bulletin board in the hallway for SOR. Encourage listing students' names and pictures.	Teachers: Ask the DRE to share a classroom floorplan. During the last 5 minutes of class, have students rearrange the furniture to meet SOR needs.	School Leaders: Have a special event coming up? Leave flyers on the classroom desks, specifically inviting SOR families to join!
Students: Write the first line of a prayer. Leave it for the SOR student to add to. Go back and forth, line by line, until you have a prayer that you can share.	Students: Write down 10 questions you would like the SOR student to answer about themselves. Include your answers to the questions., too!	School Leaders: Have a user login (I will work) for the DRE and SOR volunteers so they can use the screens.	Teachers: Create a "happy to share" container with extra supplies that SOR may need (e.g. pens, wipes, paper).

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5/4/2023 9:55:02	Johnson	Yes	No	Better communication	Scheduling, Sacrament preparation	Trunk or Treat	My family cannot afford Catholic school., The Catholic schools cannot meet my child's special needs., The Catholic schools are not welcoming of School of Religion families.	Don't feel connected to the school	Our school is not on our property and is shared with another larger parish so we sometimes feel ignored
5/4/2023 10:42:48	Johnson	Yes	Yes	I run the Youth Ministry side of SOR for middle school and Catholic school families just don't think they "need" to participate in youth group because their kids have already learned the faith in religion class, so they are missing the point of community building.	Parent meeting attendance, Scheduling, Sacrament preparation, Student attendance		My family cannot afford Catholic school., The Catholic schools are not welcoming of School of Religion families.	The cost, the way some Catholic school families act especially at the Church's annual fundraiser does not make it appealing to send them to Catholic school, some families want their children to be lights in public school and to learn how to share and live the faith in that environment	We need families that are lights in the public school atmosphere that are truly living out their faith and family life, so I'm not totally sure what the purpose of your survey is but I don't think it should be trying to persuade every parish family to become a Catholic school family, I feel like that turns people off if we are constantly marketing at them to come to the Catholic School instead of welcoming them where they are.
5/4/2023 13:57:42	Wyandotte	Yes	Not applicable	Have formation programs for New DRE, and to focus in the hispanic community.	Access to curriculum resources, Parent meeting attendance, Scheduling, Sacrament preparation, Volunteer shortage		My family cannot afford Catholic school.	Not really known or invited	I would love to get formations for specifically Hispanics and to accommodate content based on their traditions with in the catholic faith.
5/4/2023 16:27:06	Wyandotte	Yes	Yes	Teachers can be more accepting of someone using their rooms	Parent meeting attendance, Volunteer shortage	at our Ice Cream Social everyone work together for the success of a parish event	The Catholic schools cannot meet my child's special needs.	no before and after school care and no bus transportation	no
5/4/2023 17:45:58	Wyandotte	Yes	Yes	More interaction between the church in the school and school in the parish.	Access to curriculum resources, Student attendance, Volunteer shortage	Parental involvement in the Church and school was high; presence of school staff and parish staff doing cross pollinating work.	None of those have been heard by me.	Ours is such a tiny parish and only a handful of our school families are active in the parish. Most of the SOR students are there because it's a right of passage or a grandparent/elder in family says they must receive the sacrament. Once the sacrament is received, many disappear from our parish community.	Thank you, no.

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5/9/2023 11:44:38	Miami	Yes	Yes	We actually work really well together. Our offices are in the school and that facilitates easy collaboration, collegiality, and communication.	Access to parish buildings	Our sacramental years, celebrations/receptions, parish mission, retreats, youth ministry	My family cannot afford Catholic school., The Catholic schools cannot meet my child's special needs.	Financial and support needs that our school can not meet at this time.	I do not actually have challenges getting access to parish buildings. In fact, none of the challenges listed are true at our parish. I checked it because a response was required to move on in the survey :) Thanks!
5/10/2023 12:24:55	Johnson	Yes	Yes	More Archdiocesan programs for Religious Ed families (Vocations day/session etc)	Student attendance, Volunteer shortage	Sacramental Prep - Retreats	My family cannot afford Catholic school., The Catholic schools cannot meet my child's special needs., The Catholic schools are not welcoming of School of Religion families.	Cost	I'm so thankful for the collaboration of other Religious Ed Directors who are always happy and willing to help each other, share resources and work together for the betterment of our Catholic Communities. I'm also very thankful for Pam Riordan and the support she gives to all of those in our positions, volunteers and families. My pastor is very supportive as well as admin and staff in the school. I'm thankful to work in a parish minded community.
5/13/2023 12:40:19	Leavenworth	Yes	Not applicable	More participation from the parents to help with our program	Volunteer shortage	Special activities like the Nativity play & the children's mass & breakfast were well attended	My family cannot afford Catholic school., The Catholic schools cannot meet my child's special needs.	Very satisfied with the local public school & our religious education program	
5/15/2023 9:04:32	Johnson	Yes	Yes		Access to technology, Parent meeting attendance	We provide opportunities for school and SOR students to participate in activities, service projects, sacraments as a whole group. We also encourage participation from school and SOR families in our middle school and high school youth groups.	My family cannot afford Catholic school., The Catholic schools are not welcoming of School of Religion families.	Cost, religion becoming a subject in school and less about personal faith, lack of advanced elective options	
5/15/2023 9:44:09	Johnson	Yes	Yes	It is on me as much, but better communication. None of us have a lot of time so it isn't a fault of	Volunteer shortage	We are all parish, so anything any of us does is parish. Mostly we do sacramental prep together. But, the school is willing to talk with us about curriculum and we feel very welcome to go to a class if we would like.	My family cannot afford Catholic school., The Catholic schools cannot meet my child's special needs., The Catholic schools are not welcoming of School of Religion families.	I think the biggest reason seems to be that they want their children to be exposed to more diversity, and feel they can provide the religion at home well enough. Some is due to money, or perceive that they can't get help. And some is because they feel that public schools can provide more opportunities. But, I think the biggest reason right now is because they actually want their child to have to figure out how to deal with all of the diversity, but also do want to keep them safe and guarded.	Nope

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5/15/2023 9:55:10	Miami	Yes	Yes	Being new to my position, having resources from outside sources would be nice.	Access to curriculum resources, Volunteer shortage	The volunteer teacher's have been so helpful and great!	My family cannot afford Catholic school., The Catholic schools do not provide quality academics.	My perception is they don't feel it's "worth" it for the cost when there's great schools in their small town.	
5/15/2023 10:37:34	Atchison	Yes	Yes	Demographics of our parish. Would like a list of all families with children.	Access to parish records and information, Access to technology, Parent meeting attendance, Student attendance	General sense of support. School welcomes out Wednesday night Family of Faith program and considers this our time in the building.	I have not heard any of these comments from families.	Parents work in public school. Bus transportation.	
5/15/2023 10:51:02	Leavenworth	Yes	Not applicable	Accessible Information, and or support	Access to technology, Access to curriculum resources, Parent meeting attendance, Volunteer shortage		The Catholic schools cannot meet my child's special needs.	Cost, special needs, non-academic activities	
5/15/2023 10:53:56	Johnson	Yes	No	A lot more should be done at the archdiocese level to support the School of Religion families	Parent meeting attendance, Volunteer shortage	The priest who makes sure that the sacraments are celebrated together.	The Catholic schools cannot meet my child's special needs.	We have more than the average special needs because public schools have more resources for this. We have many mixed faith marriages because one spouse is not willing to let their child go to Catholic school but is OK for them to attend School of Religion. We have many divorced parents who are trying to do the best they can. We have many grandparents who are bringing their grandchild to School of Religion because their grown children who attended Catholic school no longer practices the faith. Also, we see traffic go both ways. Some families decide to take their kids out of the local Catholic school because they are not being taught the faith very well and some children are being mistreated by other children. We do occasionally have families in the School of Religion join the Catholic school but there also isn't always room in the classrooms. I am not sure that the archdiocese DOES understand these opportunities or there would be more resource support from the archdiocese for School of Religion compared to all the other ministries. We need to be looking at how to best evangelize and minister to these families who might not be as close to their Catholic faith and I think that School of Religion does a better job at that with very limited resources compared to Catholic Schools.	

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Directions: Use the rubric below to score your Catholic school in the areas of sharing spaces, building relationships, and sharing resources with the parish's School of Religion program. Use this information to identify areas for growth.	Never 0 points	Sometimes 1 point	Always 2 points
Sharing Spaces			
Classrooms and bathrooms are unlocked at an appropriate time for School of Religion staff and students to utilize the space.			
School of Religion teachers are given a map to show the location of bathrooms, emergency exits, AEDs, and shelters.			
School of Religion has access to classrooms with enough seating to accommodate their class.			
Catholic school teachers leave a welcome message at the beginning of the year for the School of Religion staff and students.			
School of Religion teachers have a designated place to store their materials (e.g. books, pencils) in the classroom or other designated space in the building.			
There is a designated bulletin board for School of Religion to use to share information with parents and students.			
The school communicates with the Director of Religious Education when creating the calendar to avoid schedule conflicts.			
School of Religion teachers have access to thermostats and fans.			
Desks and classroom spaces are clean and welcoming on formation nights.			
Our teachers and students are willing to arrange the desks and chairs to best suit School of Religion to help save them time (e.g. not stacking chairs, moving desks, picking up trash off the floor, clearing desks, erasing the board).			
Sharing Spaces Total Score:			/ 20
Building Relationships			
Students from both programs have opportunities to interact (e.g. pen pal program, leaving notes on the board, picnic day).			
School of Religion families are invited by the principal to participate in Catholic school events (e.g. Open House, Trunk or Treat).			
At the beginning of the year, School of Religion teachers are invited to a social gathering with Catholic school teachers.			
School of Religion teachers are included in the annual Teacher Appreciation Week.			
The Catholic school encourages families to participate in parish youth formation (e.g. youth group, mission trips, service days, etc.) even if they are enrolled in Catholic school.			
School of Religion families are included in the schools' Mass intentions and prayer requests, just like school families.			

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We notify the parish of non-Catholic parents and/or non-Catholic families, so that they may extend an invitation to learn more about the faith or enroll in RCIA.			
We notify the parish of Catholic families who have a child in need of baptism.			
We notify the parish of Catholic families who have a child (older than 2nd grade) in need of First Communion.			
We notify the parish when students withdraw from the school but remain within the parish boundaries (so that youth formation may extend an invitation to the family to enroll in programs).			
We invite parish staff to parent events (e.g. PTO, Open House) to share information and invite families to enroll in Youth Formation / School of Religion / CCD / Religious Education (while also attending Catholic school).			
Sharing Spaces Total Score:			/ 22
Resource Sharing			
The Catholic school invites School of Religion staff to join faith formation and applicable professional development opportunities.			
School of Religion teachers have access to instructional technology in each classroom (e.g. SMART boards, Chromecast, etc.).			
School of Religion teachers have access to the school Wifi password.			
School of Religion teachers are invited to communicate with Catholic school staff for instruction ideas and to better understand the school's religion curriculum scope and sequence.			
We regularly distribute / share materials from the parish (e.g. flyers, meeting reminders, parish events, Mass times) with school families.			
We include parish Mass times in our regular school newsletter.			
We collect baptismal certificates from new students and share copies with the parish office.			
Sharing Spaces Total Score:			/ 14

Questions for Reflection:

1. What are you doing well? Why?
2. What areas could use improvement? Why?
3. Were you surprised by your total score? Why or why not?
4. Of the above items, are there any that can easily be implemented with little effort? Which will take time to implement? Which will be most impactful?

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