

## **The Cathedral Children's School: Foundations for Christian Living**

The accompanying diagram presents a new children's (and youth) program to be implemented over the next several years. Under one 'school' it envisions multiple programs fitting (very generally) under three types of activities as per our three ministry teams – activities and programs coordinated by a Coordinator of Faith Formation and taught or led by a combination of that Coordinator and others (volunteers or otherwise).

While the Formation Team is the primary group setting this in motion, the new staff hire (Coordinator of Faith Formation, CFF) would be the point person in charge and – minimally – the other two Team leaders would be actively consulted and be on an oversight committee. If they desired it, they could be more involved in those parts of the program that interested them most.

Implementation in the short term will focus on a Sunday formation program for children, but other pieces of the larger program could be implemented as resources allowed. For example, any new hire may have strengths in one or another of these other areas (i.e. besides Sunday programs), and/or human resources within the congregation could step up once they see the possibilities for their participation.

Longer term implementation will depend on initial successes and the recruitment of both human and financial support for additional programming. All together, these programs and this School should not only be attractive to families looking for such activities, but provide useful 'foundations for Christian living' and 'faith formation.'