

## **Religion Program, Kindergarten - Grade 6: Born of the Spirit**

Developed by the National Office of Religious Education (NORE), a branch of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), and with our own Archbishop Emeritus Peter Mallon on the committee, the Born of the Spirit program is truly a locally developed catechetical series for Grades 1 through 6. There is also an early childhood program for Preschool and Kindergarten. This program is the only catechetical resource authorized by Archbishop Daniel Bohan for use within the Archdiocese of Regina. The program titles are as listed:

Preschool and Kindergarten: In God's Image - celebrating the wonder of childhood as a trace of God

Grade One: We Belong to God - being invited to belong to God

Grade Two: We Belong to the Lord Jesus - being called to break bread together

Grade Three: In the Spirit We Belong - gathering to celebrate as people of God

Grade Four: Come and See - knowing Jesus through those closest to him

Grade Five: May We Be One - being one with the Lord, who lives on in the Church

Grade Six: You Shall be My Witnesses - witnessing to God's Spirit in the world

Components of each grade's program are threefold: the teacher's three-ring binder contains introductory notes to the catechist, the themes with clear aims and activities from which to choose, sections for the parish and the family, a bibliography of additional resources, music selections, and black-line masters for classroom use. The student text is bright and colourful and features artwork and photographs of some of our own teachers and students. As well, each theme has a "Remember" quotation or concept to be stressed and remembered. A compact disc of grade-appropriate songs and music with vocal and instrumental versions, plus lyrics of each piece of music, is included for each grade.

The programs are liturgically based, that is, lessons follow the Church year, and are cyclic in development. Themes are refined and developed as the child's ability to comprehend the concepts matures. The themes overlap to some degree which is particularly helpful in split-grade situations. Numerous additional resources are provided to each school as support material.

## **Religion Program, Grades 7 and 8: We Are Strong Together**

Developed by the National Office of Religious Education (NORE), a branch of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), and with many educators from Regina Catholic Schools serving on various committees, the *We Are Strong Together* program is truly a locally developed catechetical series for Grades 7 -9. This program is the only catechetical resource authorized by Archbishop Daniel Bohan for use within the Archdiocese of Regina. The Grades 7 and 8 program titles are:

Grade Seven: *Believe in Me* - deals with the first part of the Apostles' Creed: I believe in God, the Father Almighty... and I believe in Jesus Christ.

Grade Eight: *Stand by Me* - deals with the remainder of the Apostles' Creed, beginning with "I believe in the Holy Spirit."