

## Catholic Identity

August, 2009: Committee members have reviewed the religion curriculum and books which have a parents' discussion section. This is attached to the school website with reference to the Sadlier website and recommended family activities and associated resources. The Diocese of Trenton is presently reviewing the diocesan religion curriculum. Dr. Linda Dix is a member of that committee. When the update is complete, the new scope and sequence will be reviewed with parents.

The committee identified a need to educate parents and volunteers on Catholic values. The Diocese has done this through a Volunteer Moral Code of Ethics, which we will also be attached to the website. Parents and volunteers in the school are asked to familiarize themselves with the diocesan standards.

The committee is still researching ways that parental participation in Adult Faith Formation Parish activities can be rewarded through the school.

Staff meetings have been filled with improved way of communicating to the Counsel Courier, Principal's letters, and bulletin information from the school with regard to values and curriculum. This was discussed with teachers during Opening Day faculty meetings.

Daily Mass has continued this year. We cite Eucharistic Day on October 9 as a day for parish and school to celebrate together as one body to call attention to the year's theme of "Living and Learning Jesus." Children will explore ways that prayers and actions can support priests, deacons, brothers, sisters, and lay ministers who have given their lives to God through service in the Church and will be asked by Father Damian to reflect upon their own life call.

The "open door" policy of teachers in welcoming visits from the parish priests and deacons to their classrooms is still encouraged.