

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

- 1.) The Children's Ministry Team held a three day Godly Play Core Training for people from our Diocese and other parts of Western Pennsylvania and New York. This was the first time that the Godly Play Foundation has sent trainers to Pittsburgh in order to teach people how to be Godly Play Storytellers and set up their programs.
- 2.) The Children's Ministry Team led a Saturday morning Godly Play Materials workshop for parishes in our Diocese who have started to use Godly Play or want to know more about it. Participants took home materials for eight different stories to use with children in their parishes.
- 3.) The Children's Ministry Team produces the *Feed My Sheep* newsletter for people who minister to children in our Diocese. Over 12 people in children's ministry have contributed to one or more issues.
- 4.) The Children's Ministry Pinterest boards are often upgraded so that people can visually share ideas for ministry with children. Our Pinterest boards include ideas for crafts, games, prayer, Godly Play, Advent, Lent, and books for adults and children.
- 5.) The Children's Ministry Team started an Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh Children's Ministry Facebook page in order for people to post ideas, questions, and share suggestions with each other.
- 6.) The Children's Ministry Team meets monthly to share ideas, support each other's ministries, and strategize how to help other parishes. Everyone who is involved in children's ministry in the Diocese is invited to attend.
- 7.) The Children's Ministry Team conducted a Diocesan survey to assess the state of children's ministry in parishes and to better understand the needs of individual parishes. As a result of the survey, parishes that expressed a desire to have financial assistance to purchase art and craft materials, were given financial support. Another response to the survey is that more Godly Play workshops are being planned. As a response to the need for people who want mentoring, a Children's Ministry Team Facebook presence was started. The team is continuing to look at the survey results to address more needs in the future.

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