

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE
REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL
OCTOBER 2010**

RECENT PROGRAMS AND ACITIVITES

Fall 2009- The Role of the Laity in the Church	Three part series that addressed this issue, Members of the Saint Joseph College faculty presented material and led the discussions.
Advent Series 2009	<p>Two-part Advent series.</p> <p>Fr. Moran spoke about the infancy narratives of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.</p> <p>Brenda McLaughlin, spoke about her experience with the <i>Ignatian</i> practice of the “<i>Examen</i>” and facilitated a guided meditation.</p>
Lent Program 2010	Three- part program for Lent that focused on certain portions of the passion narrative by St. Mark and used Lectio Divina. Father Moran, John Daly, and Ellen Brown each led one of the sessions.
Distribution of Spiritual Materials	<p>Distributed 1,000 booklets to parishioners during the past 12 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 copies of “LITTLE BLUE BOOK” for Advent and Christmas. • 200 copies of the “LITTLE BLACK BOOK” for Lent. • 200 copies of the Little White Book for the Easter Season. • 400 copies of Living Faith, during the past year, 100 every three months.

Summer 2010- Just Faith Program	Facilitated the creation of a learning and transformational program in our parish called Just Faith a 30-week process that “empowers participants to develop a passion and thirst for justice, and prepares them for the work of social ministry. The program has 9 members and meets every Wednesday in our chapel.
Summer 2010 Program- The Gospel Without Compromise	Three part series of discussions on the lives of three extraordinary Christians: Oscar Romero (1917-1980), Catherine de Hueck Doherty (1896-1985), and Dom Helder Camara (1909-1999).

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

October 2010- Jonah Factor Workshop	13-step journey, by means of Scripture reading and reflection, journaling and discussion, toward discerning your unique vocation, God’s call, to the joyful work for which you were made.
Advent 2010 program	Two part program led by Father Moran focused on Isiah.
Advent 2010-Wreath Making	Advent wreath making opportunity after the 10:30 mass the first weekend of Advent. It is also made available Advent candles after each mass that day.
Retreat led by Brother Loughlin Sofield	Co-sponsor a retreat led by Brother Loughlan Sofield S.T. during April of 2011 with the other West Hartford Catholic Churches. The West Hartford Catholic Adult Enrichment Team is coordinating the program.