


Catholic Identity – Christ in the Classroom Program

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“Be it known to all who enter here that **Jesus Christ** is the reason for this school. He is the unseen but ever-present teacher in the classroom. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.”

Author - Unknown



The Christ in the Classroom Foundation (CIC) has been designed with the goal of **centering all aspects of school life in the person of Jesus Christ.**

CIC Foundation is intended to be a **starting point**, not a destination, a catechetical foundation for all Catholic schools.

CIC Foundation invests in the **school administrators and the teaching faculty** to respond to our vocational call to pass on the gift of our Catholic faith to all in our care.



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OCS OPERATIONAL CALENDAR connection.....1st 90 days.....What do I need to know now?

OCS Policy Language

2.1 (A) The Christ in the Classroom Foundation (CIC Foundation) is required for ALL Catholic school administrators and teaching faculty (PreK-12) annually.

When does it launch?

The 2 year roll-out starts **NOW**. October 6, 2017 and February 16, 2018 have been designated as the two OCS-approved CIC Foundation dates for the 17-18 school year.

Is it one or 2 CIC Retreats annually???

Schools are required to participate in one CIC Foundation Retreat annually but OCS will be developing two CIC Retreats each year to offer faculty both a Fall and Winter CIC experience.

How is the CIC content developed? With great faith leaders! OCS welcomes **Susan Burdett** as our CIC Consultant and **Rev. Ron Nuzzi** as our facilitator for the Sept. 21 - 22 Principals' Retreat.



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How is this Catechetical Certification for Catholic schools different?

- CIC Retreat(s) integrate core catechetical content extracted **directly** from the Archdiocesan PreK - 12 Religion Standards and Curriculum.
- CIC Retreat(s) will affirm the identity of our Catholic faith – what we believe, how we celebrate, how we live, how we pray, how we live in community, and whom we are called to serve. (**Six Tasks of Catechesis**)
- CIC Retreat times will include to moments for Sacred Scripture, witness and testimony (faith sharing), personal reflection, and mission effectiveness extensions to **bring the learning back into the school....into the classrooms.**



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and.....

- CIC Retreat(s) will occur at the **local school**, with the school administrator (with support from the local CIC Leadership team) leading the **annual retreat**. **Nominal costs** will be incurred by the local school. OCS will create all CIC Program materials and resources.

How will CIC Foundation be tracked?

- CIC Foundation will be tracked through participation in the CIC Foundation Retreat(s) (**5 clock hours each**) through the completion of an **OCS clock hour evaluation form**.
- OCS staff will track CIC Foundation certification through the Catholic School Employee Database (**CSSED**). *This is another reason why this database needs to be a priority for all Catholic schools.*



Considerations for Your Local CIC Implementation

Local Logistics

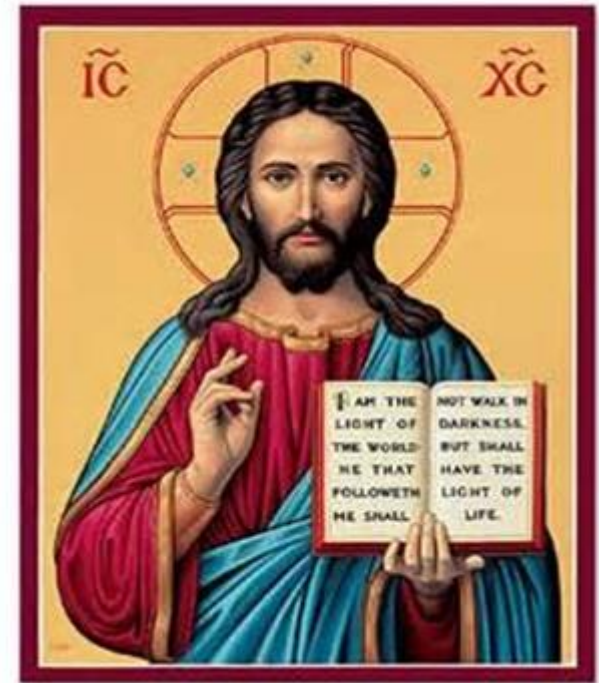
- Select a location for local CIC retreats this year.
Friday, October 6, 2017 and/or Friday, February 16, 2018...off-site? Need to book a spot? Comfy space on site?
- Invite 1-2 faculty members to join your CIC school planning team. Hospitality needs?
- Electronic CIC materials and templates will be sent to each principal to run off as appropriate, in preparation for each CIC Retreat.
- [Clock Hour paperwork](#) will be sent to each to each school. Remember, the participant sign in sheet and Clock hour evaluation form must be secured at time of CIC Retreat.

Capturing Moments of Grace

- Photos? Witness/Testimony moments? Tangible examples of Christ in the Classroom adult conversations, CIC opportunities with students? Time to debrief at Nov. 16th Principal's Mtg.

There is a Christ in the Classroom Level I to learn about...

- But not now! I only have 30 minutes!!
- See CIC Program Overview found in the Principals' Packet





So....
you said you wanted
a change
of venue from
Silverdale.....

So... think *rustic*...



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Our Christ in the Classroom Retreat Time

with Father Ron Nuzzi

A retreat for Catholic School Leaders, focusing on the following Church teachings and how each is lived out in our lives:

Incarnation, Paschal Mystery, Trinity, and Eucharist.

Our Premise

- Principals come to us with varying experiences and understandings of their faith and **how to share the faith with their school community.**
- This retreat identifies four core tenets of Church teaching, **reflection** on the teachings, **sharing** among participants in how each experiences these great mysteries in our daily lives, with **purposeful engagement and application** back into the school.
- The retreat purpose is to provide the principal with **foundational tools** to offer a similar retreat at each school site.



Christ in the Classroom Principals' Retreat

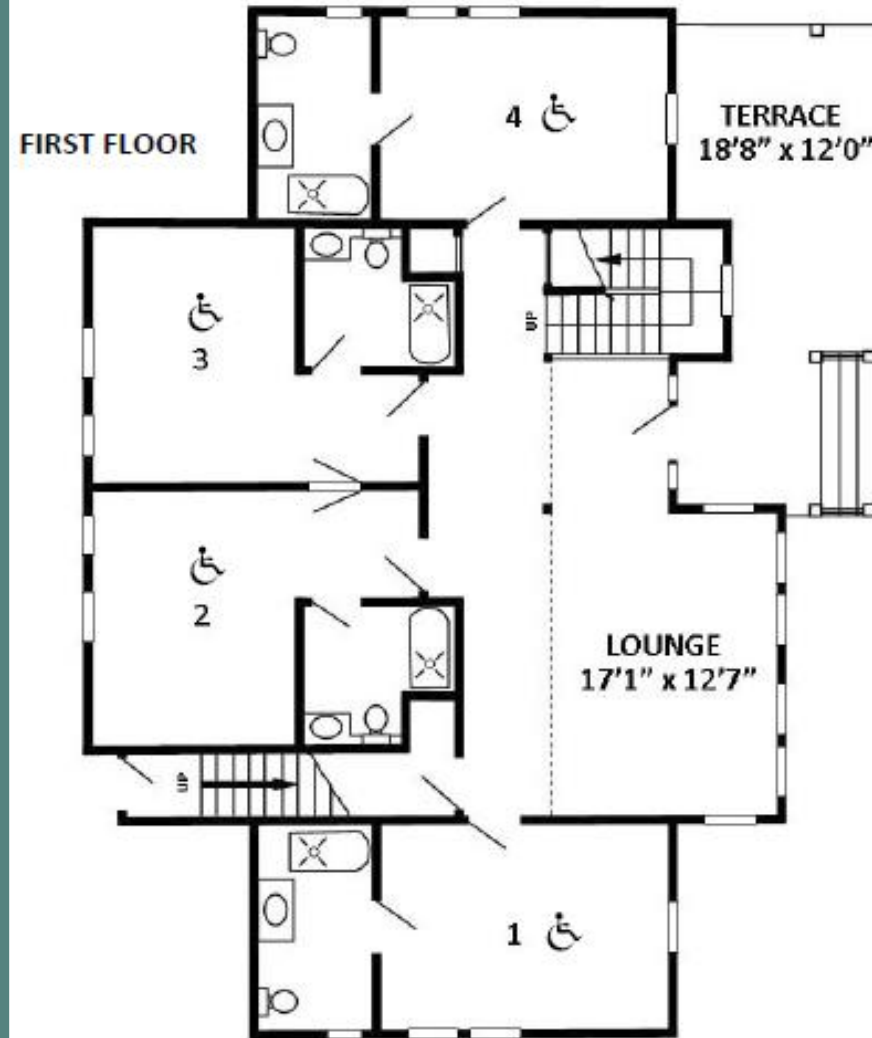
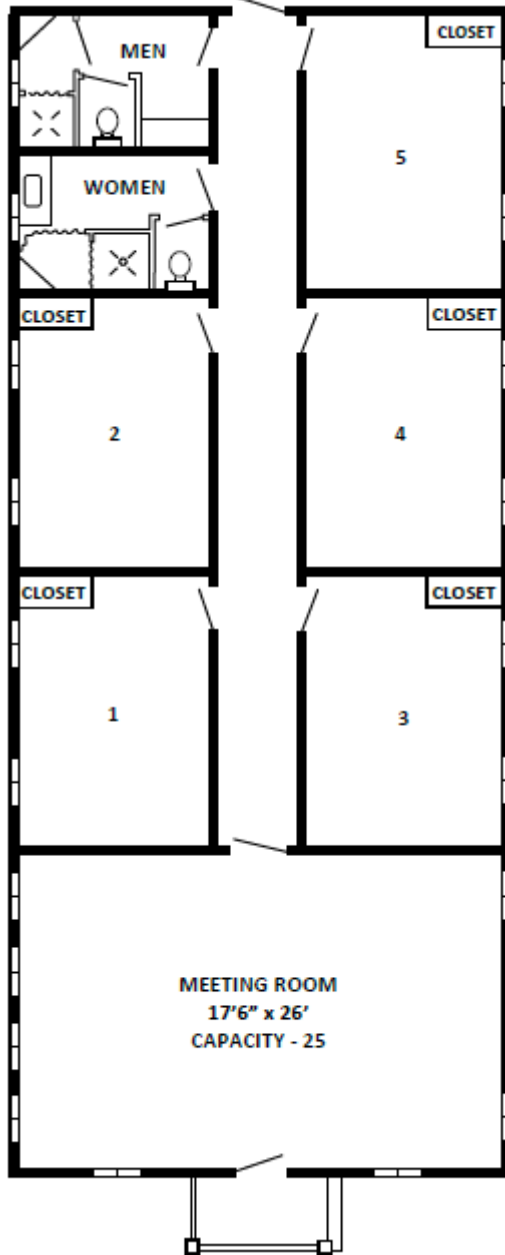
Key Points: Sept. 20 - 22

Wednesday evening is at NO cost to you..... so JOIN US!
it includes your room and dinner/social hour.

- Each guest will have his/her own room.
- Meals are on a set schedule – you must arrive on time for each meal. Meals are served family-style.
- Microwaves and refrigerators are provided.
- Be aware of the distance from your lodging to the meeting room – Fr. Nuzzi wants to start each session on time! 😊
- We need to be out of rooms by 9:00 AM on Friday morning. Please put your luggage in your car during the breakfast hour.

Recreation activities include:

- Basketball ... Volleyball
- Horseshoes ... Tennis
- Swimming ... Table tennis
- Foosball Tetherball
- Open Fields ... Walking
- Boating.... Campfires
- Hiking Trails
- Other.....



Sample of Housing Units

Some Units will have private bathrooms

Some units will share one or two bathrooms between 4-5 units



What to Bring:

- YOU
- Comfortable clothing
- Flashlight
- Small daypack or reusable bag
- Hiking Poles, if needed
- Water Bottle
- Special Diet food
(refrigerators are provided)
- Hiking Shoes
- Slippers / Flip flops
- Bath Robe
- Jeans
- Sweaters
- Rain Coat
- Other...

Please join us for a reflective
adventure of:

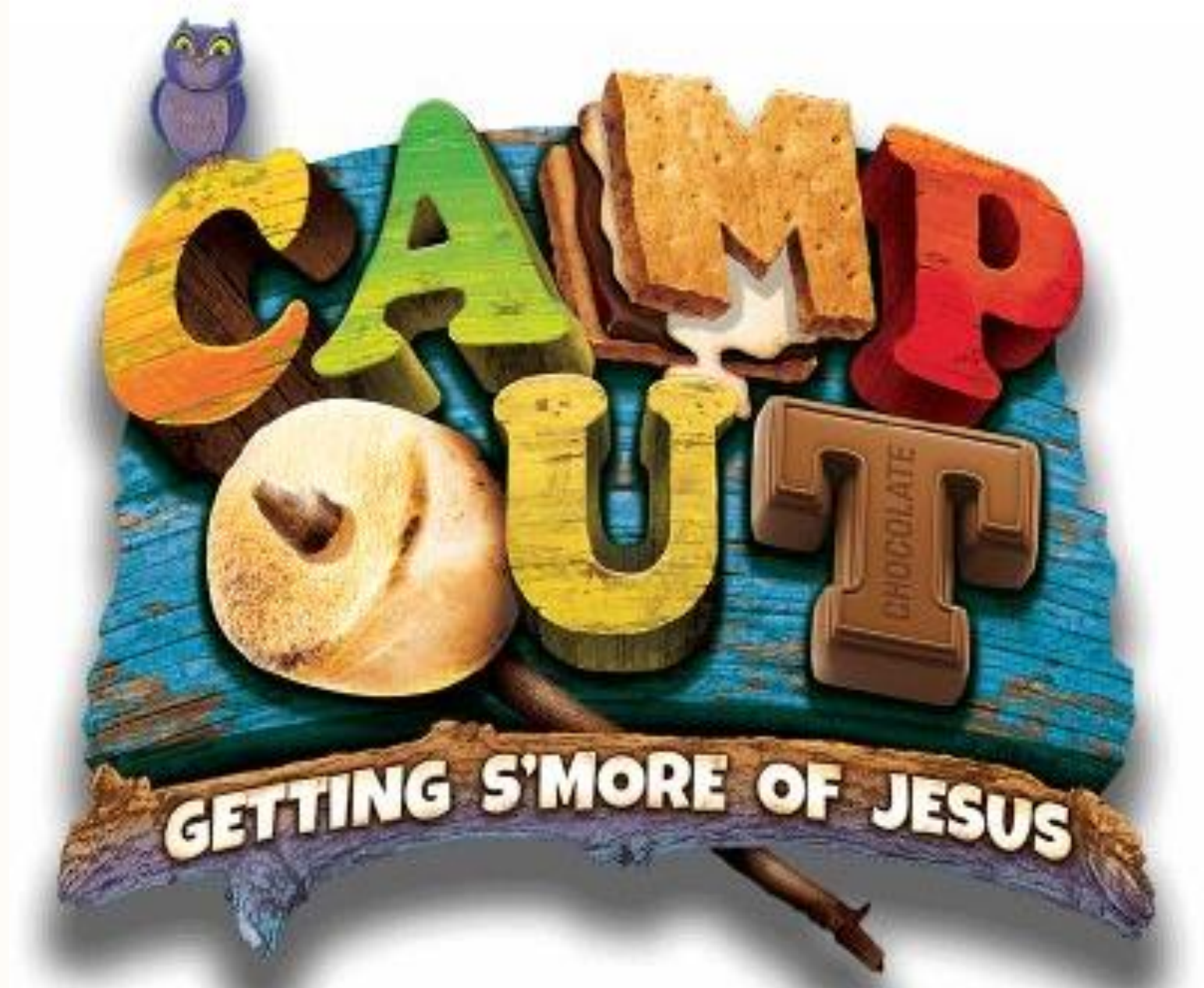
- Church Teaching
- Sacred Scripture
- Reflection Time
- Witness and Testimony
- Fun in the Sun!

Aka: Communion,
Solidarity,
Subsidiarity!

Come

Let go.....

Let God!



P.S. Thanks so much Dr. Haggarty! ☺