

## Team Mission Statement

**Name of Team:** Catechist Service

### Vision

Centered in Christ and in the spirit of evangelisation, the Catechist Service Team seeks to serve those engaged in religious education and catechesis within parishes and government primary schools.

### The Catechist Service exists to:

- implement the parish religious education program "*The Truth will set you free*"
- offer initial formation for religious educators/catechists
- provide opportunities for ongoing formation for religious educators/catechists
- provide consultation and support in religious education to parishes
- develop resources to support the parish religious education program
- develop a process for Family Catechesis and support parishes in this area
- provide assistance to other West Australian Dioceses in the provision of parish religious education

### So that:

- religious education and catechesis for children in government and non government schools is fostered and developed.
- Family Catechesis is developed and nurtured within parishes

### We aim to do this through:

- the Initial Formation Course which accredits religious educators/catechists
- supplying the "*The Truth will set you free*" Program and associated resources
- formation for catechists and Family Catechesis coordinators
- provision of inservices and courses for religious educators/catechists
- parish visitation and pastoral care of religious educators/catechists
- consultation, support materials and visits for Family Catechesis
- membership of the Churches' Commission on Education (YouthCARE) and Children's Ministry Network

### Our Core work includes:

Service through

- faith formation
- teaching and learning pedagogy
- religious education
- catechesis
- resources
- consultation and pastoral support
- fostering relationships between parishes and Catholic schools
- collaboration with associated ministries.