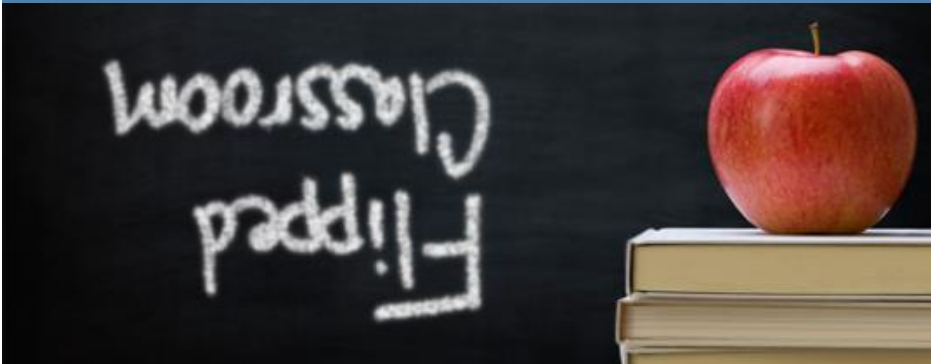


FAITH BEGINS AT HOME



St. Dominic's Faith
Formation Department

Dear Parents,

St. Dominic's Religious Education Program will **shift your child's learning experience into your home.** This shift recognizes the reality that faith first begins in the home, the "domestic church," where conversations of faith authentically occur. **Your child will continue to meet weekly in their religious education classrooms,** however the classroom experience will now better animate and integrate the material learned at home with the support of your family.

Through use of the internet, children will have greater flexibility and frequency to their coursework during the week in advance of their regularly schedule classes thereby making their class time more effective. This is called, the "flipped classroom."

This "flipped classroom" is an approach in education where students gain first exposure to new material outside of the classroom, and then they use class time to animate that knowledge through problem solving, activities, discussion, skits and debates. As a result of recent studies that reveal a staggering inability for Catholics to articulate their beliefs, many parishes are "flipping the classroom" with faith formation. In other words, parishes are creating the expectation that "faith" learning first begins in the home and only thereafter reinforced in the religious education classroom.

For years St. Dominic's invested well in the best catechetical program available in the *Blest Are We* curriculum published by RCL Benziger. However, what is now more exciting is the introduction of the interactive Flourish website and eBook version

of the same curriculum.

With each *Blest Are We* textbook in the classroom, **your child will receive a User ID and a Password to access the Flourish website where your child will not only have unlimited access to the online version of their classroom textbook but also enjoy many educational games and activities accessible from any device (computer, laptop, tablet, smartphone) at anytime and anyplace** with an internet connection.

The Flourish website and eBook version of *Blest Are We* makes the learning experience radically mobile and adaptable to the busiest of family schedules.