

# We are People of The Way

Three Year Faith Plan

## Year 1: Learn the Way

### Scripture:

"If you know me, you will know my Father also."  
(John 14:7)

### Focus:

On learning... Because Christ is The Way, learning more about Christ and his Church will allow us to learn more about how we are meant to live. Christ reveals himself to us in a variety of ways, and we must learn how to listen to him.

## Year 2: Love the Way

### Scripture:

"You will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you."  
(John 14:20)

### Focus:

On loving... Once we know Christ, we are moved to fall in love with him. We deepen our personal relationship with Christ and come to see others through his eyes. God is the source of all love, and we are called to reflect this love to the world.

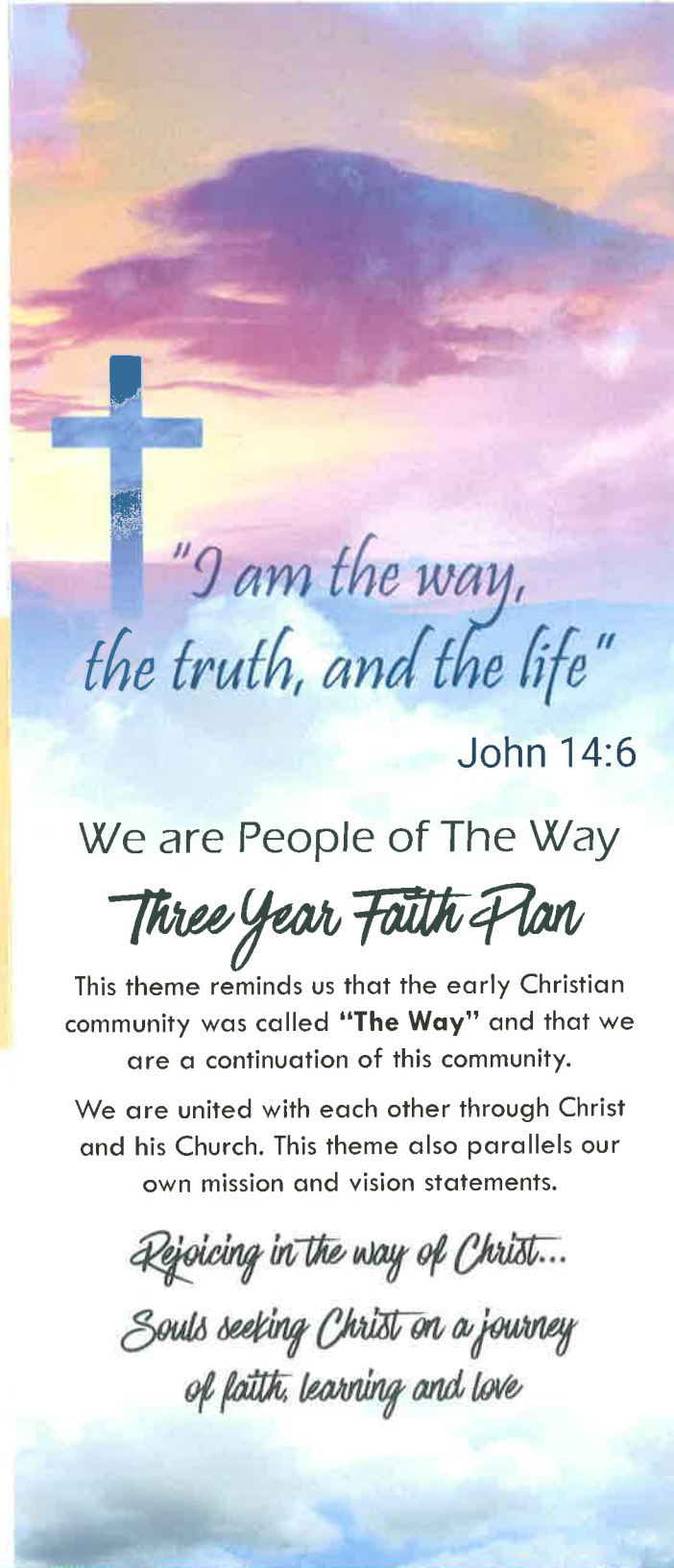
## Year 3: Live the Way

### Scripture:

"I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father."  
(John 14:31)

### Focus:

On living... Once we know and love Christ, we live our lives as witnesses to this life-changing relationship. We respond to all with love, care and compassion. Our actions reflect the love of God to every person we encounter.



*"I am the way,  
the truth, and the life"*

John 14:6

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This theme reminds us that the early Christian community was called **"The Way"** and that we are a continuation of this community.

We are united with each other through Christ and his Church. This theme also parallels our own mission and vision statements.

*Rejoicing in the way of Christ...*

*Souls seeking Christ on a journey  
of faith, learning and love*



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## Year 2: Love the Way

To gain a closer connection to faith, there are several resources and activities that may be considered useful in a variety of areas, including:

### Faith/Prayer Activities:

*"The Why"*: Learning different forms of prayer and maintaining a regular prayer life helps one grow closer to Christ. When we gather together as a community, Christ is in our midst.

- Use *Lectio Divina Resources*
- Choose a Mass at the Local Parish, and Invite School Staff to Attend Together
- Support STAR LIGHT Day and Parent Session
- Hold Student Retreats
- Say Grace Before Lunch
- Designate Prayer Partners
- Adopt a Seminarian
- Invite Parish Members to Speak to Students
- Hold Faith Evenings for Parents & Community Members

### Faith Learning:

*"The Why"*: As professionals, we are called to be lifelong learners. By deepening our understanding of Christ and his teachings, we become more equipped to reflect his love to all.

- Attend Reflection Day
- Share Guided Film & Book Study
- Hold Faith-focused PD Sessions
- Invite to Food and Faith Evenings
- Share Faith-based Apps
- Utilize Resources for Permeation

### Admin Activities:

*"The Why"*: Administrators are faith leaders within their school communities. It is important that administrators are able to be a witness to Christ and his Church in their work.

- Attend Faith Leadership Professional Learning
- Collaborate on a Faith Study
- Analyze Mark 4 of Catholic School Leadership
- Attend Admin Retreat

### Curricular Permeation:

*"The Why"*: Through a permeated curriculum, we provide as many opportunities as possible for students to encounter Christ in our world.

- Use *Permeation of Faith in Catholic Schools Video* for Staff PD
- Utilize Various Classroom Resources for Health and Science

### Non Curricular Permeation:

*"The Why"*: Faith needs to be lived in every aspect of the Catholic school; it should not only be found within the classroom.

- Designate Faith Area(s) in the School
- Share Faith-based Social Media
- Distribute Prayers and Scripture
- Read STAR Catholic Best Practices for Faith Permeation in Non-Curricular Areas Document

### Evangelization:

*"The Why"*: Those involved in Catholic education understand that the school is an element of the Church and thus seek to support the parish in the work of leading families to a deeper relationship with Christ.

- Build Relationships with Families, Schools and Parishes
- Share Faith-based Blogs
- Invite Parish Priest to Add Messages for Newsletters and Website
- Share on Catholic Faith for Parent Councils, such as Formed.org
- Hold Lent and Advent Art Walks
- Support Sacramental Preparation programs in Parishes

### Additional Resources

These and other suggested resources and activities are available throughout the year for staff, students, families, and our parish communities to best work together on sharing and celebrating faith in our Catholic schools.

For more details please contact your local school administrator.