

Catechist of the Year Nomination 2009 – Mr. Michael Davis

Mr. Michael Davis is a man of great faith and has shared this with the children of St. Rose of Lima Church community for four years as a catechist in the Religious Education Program. Husband, father and teacher – what better combination – a role model like St. Joseph. Mike presently teaches fifth and seventh graders in the program. He feels that he is called to give as much of his knowledge of scripture, prayer, and doctrine to the youngsters as possible. When his own son transferred into St. Rose Academy this past year, Mike stayed on as a catechist because he felt his presence was still needed. One of Mike's greatest assets in class is his use of prayer. Mike teaches the children "how to pray", not just "to pray". The children have truly learned to love prayer.

As a catechist, Mike has completed many courses in the certification process for a catechist. He believes that his own faith development is as important as what he gives to others.

Mike himself is a dedicated member of the parish Men's Prayer Group. Mike is also active in the Boy Scouts and most recently in helping a group of boys work on their Religion Emblem requirements for recognition at the Basilica Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

As you can see, Mike's sharing of his own faith transcends the religious education program. His mission to "teach the Good News as Jesus Did" is taken very seriously.

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Mike Davis for Religious Education Teacher of Year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Angela Connelly

Director of Religious Education

St. Rose of Lima