

Religious Education Basics & Planning

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(The titles on the actual webpage are active links & take you to each article. PMO)

ARTICLES FOR CHURCH SCHOOL DIRECTORS

These brief, printable articles from *PRAXIS* magazine cover key educational concepts that we hope will help religious educators—both experienced and new—confidently hand forward the Orthodox Christian Faith.

Excellent for teacher orientation meetings or sharing with parents, and convenient for adding to e-mail, linking in social media, and inserting in newsletters.

(Note: The bolded titles are especially valuable to Teachers. PMO)

- Why Educate in the Church at All?
- Why Sunday Church School?
- Live the Liturgy. Teach the Liturgy.
- **Does the Archdiocese Have a Curriculum?**
- Parents & Teachers: Partners in Teaching the Faith
- **What Your Child Should Know: The Goals and Objectives of Education in the Orthodox Church (Refer to Fall 2011 Newsletter)** This version include Bible stories, Prayers, Hymns/songs, Memory verses, Feast Days, etc.
- Planning Your Lessons
- **new...** Book Reviews: Special Needs & Disabilities Handbooks
- **Appealing to Every Type of Learner**
- **new...** Guiding Learners to Using Higher-Order Thinking Skills
- **new...** **Know. Believe. Do. Curriculum and Learning Objectives**
- **Teacher Self-Evaluation Tool** (by Phyllis Meshel Onest)
- Summer: A Time to Grow, A Time to Plan

PLANNING TOOLS

Save these files to your computer so that you will be able to save your work:

- 2012–2013 Calendar with Feast Days & Fasts
- Event Planning Calendar Worksheet
- Fall 2012 Curriculum Planning Worksheet
- Spring 2013 Curriculum Planning Worksheet
- Lesson Plan Worksheet
- Textbook Planning Worksheet

SPREADSHEETS

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- **Teacher Information Spreadsheet**
In addition to contact information, this year we're also requesting some additional survey-type information to help us better know our teachers' backgrounds. Please e-mail this spreadsheet to religioused@goarch.org when you have completed it.
We use this data for planning and to send out our annual catalog, seasonal flyers, e-mail newsletter and announcements of new releases. We send about one e-mail per month and five flyers per year. We do not share personal information with any third parties.
- **Student Roster Spreadsheet** (Please do not e-mail this to the DRE.)