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The Present and Our Future

This will conclude our two-part series on education.

Adult Education

Over the years, adult education at All Saints has been offered in a variety of settings - study groups during Lent, CRHP programs, parish retreats or one-night lectures given by a priest or deacon.

The **proposed** additional space and larger classrooms would accommodate the expansion of the adult education programs here at All Saints. In fact, many of you have communicated opportunities for improvement with the spiritual development programs and we are excited to announce that beginning this fall, you will see more adult education programs, including an expanded lecture series, offered on a regular basis. When circumstances allow, we will offer a program both during the day and in the evening in an effort to meet the needs of our parishioners. Our first lecture in the series, entitled "The Creed: What It Is and Why It Is Important", will be given by Father Dan Rogaczewski in mid to late October. The lecture, along with light refreshments, will be offered both during the day and the evening. If you have suggestions for other lecture topics, please email us at adultfaith@allsaints.us.

Below we have listed the **current** educational offerings for adults. For more information about any of these groups, please visit our website at **www.allsaints.us**

CRHP - Monsignor Marren brought the popular program Christ Renews His Parish to All Saints shortly after his arrival. CRHP is a spiritual renewal weekend designed to help individuals grow in their personal relationship with Christ and with others in their faith community. Thus far, 189 women and 96 men have attended CRHP. Participants often develop, lead or attend other programs and events in the parish, such as: Thessalonians Study Group during Lent 2015, Pro-Life's all-night adoration on the 21st of each month, Catholic scripture study, Advent by Candlelight, a breakfast and dinner ministry for Father Peek, support for the Legion of Mary, CRHP men's night at the Homeless Shelter and CRHP men's day at Habitat for Humanity. In addition, several men have joined the Knights of Columbus as a result of their participation in CRHP.

<u>LECTURES</u> - Occasionally, a priest or deacon will offer a one-time lecture on an interesting or current topic. Past lectures have included *Margaritas with Mary* and *Wine + Worship*.

BIBLE STUDY - There are three different bible study groups for men and women - one meets Monday mornings and two meet on Friday mornings. The Monday morning group is beginning a scripture study on *The Acts of the Apostle*.

<u>RCIA</u> - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for prospective adult converts to Catholicism. Candidates are introduced to the

aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. Classes are beginning now.

<u>FATHERS</u> <u>FOR</u> <u>GOOD</u> - an initiative for men by the Knights of Columbus, this program helps men strengthen their marriages and families through a series of seminars offered periodically on Sunday mornings.

FAITH IN ACTION - a faith ministry encouraging personal and spiritual growth through prayer, Bible study and active service in the church and community. Occasionally it hosts panel discussions on current topics which explores the Christian response to complex issues.

MEN'S CLUB - open to all men of All Saints, this group fosters spiritual growth through fellowship. The monthly meetings feature guest speakers including local business leaders, political and government officials and sports celebrities.

WOMEN'S GUILD - the focus of this group, which hosts an annual weekend Lenten retreat, is to build community among the women of the parish through spiritual, social and charitable activities.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

- sessions on using the Marquette Method of fertility awareness using biological indicators are offered the second Tuesday of each month.

CLASSES FOR WELLBEING -Yoga and Tai Chi classes are also offered.

ATLANTA CHINESE
COMMUNITY - for members of
the Atlanta Chinese community,
there is a Bible study group, RCIA,
lectures and lessons in English as a
second language.