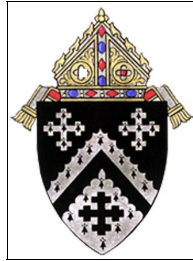


Diocese of Cleveland

OFFICE OF CATECHETICAL FORMATION AND EDUCATION



IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Office of Catechetical Formation and Education (OCFE) supports the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Initiative adopted by Ohio, forty-four other states, the District of Columbia, four territories and the Department of Defense Education Activity. The mission of this initiative clearly states “the standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers.”* The shift to the CCSS is motivated by the need to make sure that American students are better prepared to successfully compete in a world economy that affects the lives of all.

The OCFE is working to align the elementary curriculum to the CCSS and the secondary schools in the diocese are working to align their curricula to the CCSS. The Ohio Department of Education, as well as the OCFE, has planned full implementation of the Math and English Language Arts standards for the 2014-2015 academic school year.

*Council of Chief State School Officers and National Governors Association for Best Practices, *Common Core State Standards* (Washington D.C.: National Governors Association Center for Best Practices, Council Chief State School Officers, 2010)

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