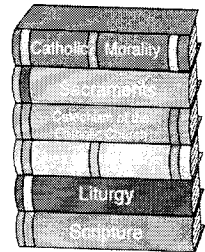
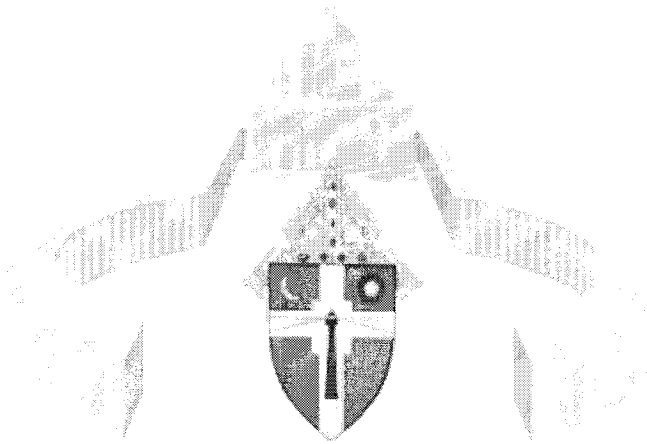
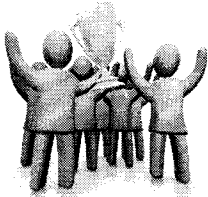


Diocese of Victoria TENTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE BOWL



Why Participate in the CKB?

- To have fun with your catechetical team
- To represent your parish
- To experience the joy of learning more about your faith
- To spend time learning with your family and friends
- To enjoy a friendly competition
- To build community with your catechists
- To be a part of a diocesan event!

Sunday, February 12, 2017

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CATHOLIC CHURCH
TRINITY HALL
208 W. River Street
Victoria, Texas, 77901
2:30PM - 4:00PM

And there's even more reasons...

- ❖ You can attend the 10:30 Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows
- ❖ Food will be available for purchase after Mass at Trinity Hall
- ❖ Enjoy music and watch the Ballet Folklorico dancers of Our Lady of Sorrows before the competition



CKB TEAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

There are three divisions, with four persons per team:

- 1) Adult teams: over the age of 18 (out of high school)
- 2) Teen teams: 13 to 18 years of age, who are in school (not in college)
- 3) Family teams: at least one child (5 or older) with adult family members

Please note: clergy, religious, chancery staff, and CKB committee members are not eligible to compete.

- 4) \$25 per team: Payment must accompany registration for teams to be officially registered
- 5) T-shirts: 10th anniversary Catholic Knowledge Bowl t-shirts can be purchased for \$10 each.

Go to www.victoriadiocese.org, click Ministries, Catholic Knowledge Bowl
to register your team or call 361-573-0828

- Teams compete in three rounds of competition by division
- 35 multiple choice questions per round
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes for each division

Study questions (with answers) can be downloaded at www.victoriadiocese.org
For more information call 361-573-0828 ext.2224

School Choice Talking Points

- As Catholics, we believe that the school choice movement is about the right of parents to choose the appropriate education for their children and that they should not be financially penalized for exercising their rights.
- Parental rights and responsibilities are primary in education. All parents should be given the opportunity to choose the best school for their children whether public, private or religiously affiliated regardless of income or geographic location.
- School choice is the civil rights issue today. A quality education is every child's right, not a privilege that only belongs to upper-class families. Equity and justice require that a quality education should not be conditioned upon parents' ability to pay.
- The government has a responsibility to provide adequate resources for the attainment of a quality education for all children. Pluralism and diversity are part of the American tradition and should be respected and supported in the choice of educational options.
- We believe that all children must be provided a quality education that will enable them to lead good and productive lives as citizens of the church and world, regardless of the socioeconomic status of their families.
- The contribution of American Catholic schools to the common good through the education of almost two million children each year should be a significant part of the national dialogue about educational options in this country.
- Contributions of catholic schools to the common good:
 - Productive citizens with moral values
 - Financial savings to taxpayers: approximately \$24 billion annually
 - Greater civic engagement of students evidenced on NAEP civics assessments
 - Higher graduation rates and higher scores on national assessments: NAEP, AP, SAT/ACT tests

- Catholic schools transmit the ideals and traditions of the American democratic way of life. Public institutions are not the sole guardians of American life. Quality education, hard work and good citizenship have always been hallmarks of religious and private education.

Requests of members of state, local or federal legislative bodies:

I urge you to support legislation that assists all parents, but especially low- and middle-income parents, in exercising their right to choose the school they believe will best meet the needs of their child(ren).

Please support legislation to provide tax credits for personal and corporate donations to organizations providing scholarships to children for educational costs, including private school tuition. The corporate tax credit programs in 16 states have helped thousands of families exercise school choice through the state tax codes. We also urge the passage of similar programs at the federal level. School choice legislation should:

- Provide for the inclusion of religious schools in choice initiatives
- Not put limitations and restrictions on private schools to operate as faith-based entities
- Not require or permit government interference in private schools
- Protect autonomy and independence of schools to operate in accordance with their mission, curriculum and admissions policies
- Not require accountability measures that are intrusive or inappropriate
- Protect student identity and dignity