



FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN FAITH FORMATION

GUIDELINES

The parish will provide periodic gatherings and resources for family at-home enrichment activities:

- Parish sacramental preparation including both child and parent/guardian
- Gatherings or at-home resources to prepare for Liturgical Seasons or Feasts (Advent, Lent, All Saints, Ordinary Time, especially Holy Days and Holidays)
- Family prayer services at the parish or as at-home activities
- Parish family resource library (books, DVDs, music CDs, AudioBooks)
- Gatherings, links on parish website, or articles/handouts that would strengthen and support the family unit (communication skills, human sexuality, domestic violence, etc.)
- Parent formation on current issues/topics
- Support groups for children with special needs and their caregivers

The parish will provide opportunities for dialogue between families and the catechetical staff:

- Open House
- Newsletters, Parish Website, Parish Social Media
- Parent advisory groups
- Communications with families who are registered parishioners but not participating in a formal catechetical process
- Communications with families with post-Baptismal preschool children

The parish will recruit parents for active involvement within the parish to serve in a variety of roles.

- Host/hostess or food service
- Clerical aides
- Volunteer drivers for events/field trips
- Catechist or aides
- Library aides or arts and crafts aides
- Website/Social Media
- Fund raisers
- Parking lot attendants
- Family Altar Servers, Ushers, Greeters

The parish will provide support to adults through on-going programs for spiritual growth:

- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Scripture study or faith-sharing groups
- Family justice and service experiences
- Ecumenical dialogues

EVALUATION

The parish catechetical leaders will annually conduct an evaluation of the partnership between the home and parish either in person or online.