



Office of Faith Formation and Lay Ecclesial Ministry
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FAITH FORMATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES TEACHES:

“The parish, founded on the pillars of the word of God, the sacraments, and charity, which in turn presuppose a new network of services, ministers, and charisms, offers “an obvious example of the apostolate on the community level inasmuch as it brings together the many human differences within its boundaries and merges them into the universality of the Church.” Parishes manifest the face of the people of God who opens himself to all, without preferences of persons. They are “the usual place in which the faith is born and in which it grows. They constitute, therefore, a very adequate community space for the realization of the ministry of the Word at once as teaching, education, and life experience” (Directory for Catechesis #299).

GUIDELINES FOR PARENT ADVISORY GROUP

PURPOSE

- The Faith Formation Advisory Council will function in advisory capacity to the parish faith formation director/coordinator to further quality faith formation for all adults, youth and children.
- The members will promote the active involvement of parents and other adults in the catechetical process, facilitating a partnership between the parish and the home.

OBJECTIVES

- The Faith Formation Advisory Council may participate in long-range planning and evaluation of parish faith formation making suggestions for improvements and innovations that will aid in the annual goal setting process for the parish.
- The Faith Formation Advisory Council may encourage community building efforts in many ways, e.g., sponsoring social events, seasonal activities, and intergenerational gatherings, etc.
- The Faith Formation Advisory Council may promote opportunities for prayer, liturgical services, and retreats.
- The Faith Formation Advisory Council may support service opportunities and social justice activities.

- This partnership in catechetical ministry may also include:
 - Marketing the parish faith formation processes
 - Promoting attendance
 - Recruiting volunteers
 - Reviewing the budget and stewardship of resources

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership will include parents/guardians of children representing the various age levels of participants, and other committed individuals.
- Membership also may be extended to other adults of the parish community expressing an interest and expertise in faith formation.

STRUCTURE

- The Faith Formation Advisory Council will ordinarily be structured as a subcommittee of the Christian Formation Committee of the Parish Pastoral Council and a liaison member for reporting to Parish Pastoral Council.
- The Faith Formation Advisory Council will function in collaboration with other parish groups serving children and youth.
- If a parish elementary school exists, both the Faith Formation Advisory Council and the School Advisory Group will collaborate in areas relating to faith formation for youth and adults.