

Guidelines for Parish Implementation of Home Catechesis

The parish Director of Faith Formation

- assists parents in selecting appropriate catechetical materials for the youth,
- suggests catechetical resources for parent catechists,
- provides copies of the diocesan guidelines for catechesis and for sacramental preparation and celebration; these guidelines follow the Documents of Vatican II, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the General Directory for Catechesis,
- describes the Diocese of Raleigh's catechist formation process and its accompanying materials,
- provides a calendar of opportunities and resources for the formation of the parent as catechist,
- networks parents with other parents providing home catechesis,
- invites, welcomes, and includes the youth and parents in parish activities.

Parents

- prepare themselves to be effective catechists. The Bishop of the Diocese of Raleigh expects all those engaged in catechesis to achieve initial formation and to proceed in ongoing formation. By means of personal contact, meetings, courses and also adult catechesis directed toward parents, the Christian community must help them assume their responsibility-which is particularly delicate today - of educating their children in the faith” (General Directory for Catechesis 227),
- meet with the parish Director of Faith Formation to develop a suitable plan for Faith Development,
- register with the parish Director of Faith Formation. This will guarantee inclusion in mailings and sharing of information. It will also provide some record of formation for the parish,
- become aware of the activities and ministries available to the children and youth of the parish and understand the importance of the children's participation in parish life,
- follow the Diocesan guidelines for catechesis and for sacramental preparation and celebration; these guidelines follow the Documents of Vatican II, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the General Directory for Catechesis,
- provide at least 30 hours of Faith Formation for each youth in a year,
- keep some record of the youth's progress. This data will ease transition if a family relocates or changes parishes. It will also provide official documentation on sacramental preparation and reception.

The pastor or his delegated representative together with the parish Director of Faith Formation and the parents will determine the readiness of a child for the celebration of a sacrament as stated in the diocesan Sacramental Guidelines.