

## Parish Based Adult Faith Formation Inservices

### 1) Training Program for Parish Adult Education Committees

This 10-hour training program is for parish adult education/faith formation leaders and their committees, scheduled at a time of their choosing in their own parish. You can ask for monthly, weekly, or bi-weekly sessions. Includes practical, ready-to-use approaches for developing and energizing adult education/faith formation in your parish. Call Pete Ries to discuss scheduling this training for your parish.

Topics covered include:

- various learning styles
- nine principles of adult learning and how each might impact the way adult education is done in a parish
- how to analyze a parish's adult population with a view to noticing the groups and subgroups within it
- assessing adult interests and adult religious education needs in a parish – tools and approaches
- three approaches to adult education programming in a parish
- motivation/marketing/publicity
- alternative models of adult education programming
- developing a parish pastoral plan for adult education/faith formation
- organizing the parish adult education committee

### 2) Developing A Parish Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation

A plan for adult faith formation is more than deciding on a number of program offerings. A good plan needs to move through:

- cultivating pastor support
- designating a leader
- developing an ongoing committee
- considering a wide variety of program approaches
- linking the pieces into an organized whole.

Explore a new tool created for developing a parish plan.

Either of these sessions can be offered for a parish, a cluster of parishes or for a region. Call Pete Ries at 517-342-2486, ([pries@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:pries@dioceseoflansing.org)) to discuss bringing adult faith formation training to your parish.

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## PARISH CATECHETICAL REVIEW

This process helps you review your faith formation programs for adults, teens, and children and plan how you want them to develop over the next 5-7 years. If your parish has never done the Review, plan to begin it this year. If you did the Review five or more years ago, it is time to do it again.

The Review will be an opportunity to give some concrete, practical direction to the faith formation aspects of your parish's goals which were derived from the *Parish Assessment Tool*, its annual updates, and now the *Parish Evaluation Instrument*. It also relates to the concept of having a parish catechetical plan (*National Directory for Catechesis*, p. 255).

If your parish mentioned adult faith formation or evangelization as one of its major concerns through the diocesan VOICES process and/or your *Parish Assessment Tool*, the review will enable you to respond to that goal.

If your parish is ready to begin this process, give Pete Ries a call (517-342-2486) for more information and to discuss various approaches to recruiting your working committee. Pete will come to your parish to do an orientation about the workbook and various stages of this process when your working committee is ready. The workbooks are available at \$3.25 a copy.