



The Who, What, Where, When & Why of Generations of Faith

What Is the Generations of Faith Process?

Generations of Faith gives our parish an innovative approach to parish-wide faith formation. It offers singles, couples, and families the opportunity to work on faith formation together. We regularly gather in inter-generational groups. Direct instruction, learning materials, reflection opportunities, and home learning kits have been designed to help everyone of us to better understand events in the life of the Church. The program is based on a six year cycle to cover the major teachings of the Church with a different theme for each year.

Why Generations of Faith?

According to our bishops, **adult** faith formation must be the central task of faith formation. We are to consciously grow in the life of Christ through experience, reflection, prayer and study. "Adult faith formation becomes the centerpiece around which revolves the formation of childhood and adolescence as well as that of old age." (*Our Hearts Were Burning within Us*, U.S. Catholic Bishops, 2000)



Why does our Parish need Generations of Faith?

Through this process we hope to create more on-going faith formation opportunities for adults, provide a more experiential approach to learning for children and teens and offer resources for individuals and families to integrate their faith into daily living. We also hope you will get to know additional parishioners on a more personal level.



What About Preparation for First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation?

As in years past, separate preparation programs will continue to be offered for those preparing for First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation. These will be an extension of Generations of Faith and those participating in them will be required to attend the Generations of Faith sessions as well.

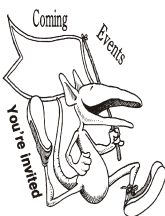
When Do We Do This?

There will be two sessions offered in McCarthy Hall for each topic. A choice of:

Sundays from 1 - 4 PM or Thursdays from 6 - 9 PM

This year's theme is "The Church Year".

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| ● September 24 or 28 | Just What is a Church Year? |
| ● November 12 or 16 or 19 | A New Advent in the Church |
| ● February 11 or 15 or 18 | Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving - Why Lent? |
| ● March 18 or 22 or 25 | Triduum - the Three Holiest Days of the Year |
| ● April 29 or May 6 or 10 | The Holy Spirit - A Pentecost Event |
| ● August 5 or 9 or 12 | Mary - Full of Grace |



Supplemental Catechetical Retreats for Children K-6 Sundays, 1-4 PM, Parish Hall

October 22, January 21, March 4, April 22