

Catechetical Office - Archdiocese of New York

Basic Training for Adult Faith Formation Leadership

Promoting the development of parish leadership for adult catechesis

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

RESOURCES

Nurturing Adult Faith—A Manual for Parish Leaders. (NCCL) – **one per parish team**

Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us. (USCCB) – **one per participant**



Orientation Meeting for Pastors and Adult Faith Formation Leaders

- Thursday, November 5, 2009 1:00pm - 3:00pm St. Joseph Seminary

AGENDA

1. The Vision of Adult Faith Formation Today
2. Effective Models of Parish Adult Faith Formation
3. Overview and Expected Outcomes of “The Basic Training for Adult Faith Formation Leadership”
4. Archdiocese Approach to Training
 - Level 1 Catechist Formation Program for Adult Faith Formation Ministry
 - Basic Training for Adult Faith Formation Leadership

Workshop #1 for Parish AFF Leaders and Teams

- Saturday, January 23, 2010 9:00am - 3:00pm

Topic - Understanding Adults and Adult Faith Formation Today

1. What are the Cultural, Social, Developmental, and Religious Perspectives of Adult Development: Young Adults, Middle Adults, and Older Adults?
2. What are the Goals, Principles, Dimensions and Framework for Catholic Adult Faith Formation Today?

Practical Application

- Conduct a “research study” of the adults in your parish community using a survey, interviews, or focus groups.
- Complete an assessment of the parish’s current faith formation offerings.

Workshop #2 for Parish AFF Leaders and Teams

- Saturday, February 27, 2010 9:00am - 3:00pm

Topic - Developing a Parish Plan for Adult Faith Formation

1. Best Practices in Adult Faith Formation
2. Models and Approaches to Adult Faith Formation
3. Developing a Parish Plan: Planning Process and Strategies
4. Finding Leaders for Adult Faith Formation

Practical Application

- Develop a first draft of a parish plan for adult faith formation.
- Develop a plan for finding leaders to implement the faith formation plan.

Workshop #3 for Parish AFF Leaders and Teams

- Saturday, March 27, 2010 9:00am - 3:00pm

Topic - Practicing Leadership for Adult Faith Formation

1. Christian Leadership & Servant Leadership
2. Team Leadership: Characteristics and Stages of Team Development
3. Organizational Leadership, Managing Change, and Anchoring Adult Faith Formation in the Culture of the Parish
4. Promoting and Marketing Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Practical Application

- Develop a draft with specific strategies of a marketing plan for adult faith formation, including identifying the most appropriate target audiences
- Develop a case study applying team leadership to the work of the team.
- Develop a plan for managing change in the implementation of the faith formation plan.

Workshop #4 for Parish AFF Leaders and Teams

- Saturday, April 24, 2010 9:00am - 3:00pm

Topic - Designing & Facilitating Adult Faith Formation Programming

1. Team Facilitation Skills
2. Designing and Facilitating Programming: Small Group, Large Group, Independent Learning, Spiritual and Service/Study Programs
3. Using Online Learning Programs and Resources
4. Print and Media Resources for Adult Faith Formation

Practical Application

- Develop a program design around one or more of the learning formats: independent, small group, large group, service and study-action, spiritual formation, and online learning.



Locations - Dates - Fees

- **Orientation Meeting** - St. Joseph Seminary, Yonkers, NY
Thursday, 1pm - 3pm November 5, 2009
- **Workshops** - Transfiguration Church Parish Center 268 South Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591
Saturdays, 9am - 3pm January 24, 2010 February 27, 2010 March 27, 2010 April 24, 2010

Fee: \$40 per person / per workshop

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