

Nurturing Adult Faith A manual for Parish Leaders, NCCL, 2003. www.nccl.org (202) 884-9753

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Summary: The Christian message of conversion. The Church exists in order to evangelize. Adults are the most capable of making a free and full response to the Gospel message. This is a great resource to answer your questions and perhaps areas not thought about!

Vision & Rational

- “Called to live a life that reflects fully the love of God”
- “Called to immerse ourselves in the ministry of Jesus”

The Parish as Formative Community for Adults

“How do parishes form people in faith? By being communities of lived faith”

“The parish is the single most important part of the church”

“People called together by God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, share in the mystery of Christ”

“The parish exists to nurture and guide its members along their faith journey”

“Differences exist around Church leadership, Priesthood and Moral teachings”

The media has tremendous power and impact on how we learn.

Motivation: Adults often desire more focus and structure in their learning.

Implications: Adult learning occurs in a wide variety of settings. Adults will only participate if learning is perceived as meeting their needs. Most go to enable themselves to do what they couldn't do before. “God seems to enjoy working through our weaknesses” “Recognize and accept our weaknesses and strengths for what they are”

The entire parish must share the responsibility for adult faith formation!

Each parish must develop the structure that is most appropriate to its makeup and culture.

Assessments tend to rely on two often false assumptions:

- People know and will say what programs they are interested in.
- People will come to programs they say they are interested in

Concrete Approaches- Parishes touch their members in many ways... they must collaborate their efforts.

Grace and Peace

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