

NORM 18

Norm Description: Parishes are to provide opportunities for intergenerational family faith formation as in integral part of their catechetical program. Such opportunities will include catechesis, prayer, and service opportunities.

Department or Office with Primary Responsibility: Office for Catechesis

Departments or Offices with Secondary Responsibility: Department of Education, Pastors, Parish Catechetical Leaders

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Goal: Parishes are to provide opportunities for lifelong faith formation as an integral part of their catechetical program. Such opportunities will include catechesis, prayer, and service opportunities.

Note: The wording of this goal has been changed to be consistent with the language in our other goals. Intergenerational Family Faith Formation is a component of Lifelong Faith Formation. This goal is intrinsically linked with norm 11 on AFF. Many of the objectives for norm 11 overlap with this norm.

Objectives:

2009-2010

1. Employ an assistant director of the Office for Catechesis to develop Lifelong Learning in parishes (completed January, 2009).
2. Communicate with pastors to enlist their support for this effort in parishes (ongoing).
3. Offer training to clergy and parish staffs on catechesis for LLFF: foundational documents, pastor's perspective, definitions, and 'mechanics' (completed Fall, 2009).
4. Offer opportunities for all parishes to observe LLFF in a parish setting with debriefing afterwards (completed April, 2009).
5. Meet with the Center for Ministry Development to plan systemized training for parish staffs (completed January 2009).

2010-2011

1. Provide workshops by the Center for Ministry Development for training and education of clergy and parish leaders in lifelong faith formation (completed October, 2009).
2. Find ways, through deanery councils, for parishes to share events, ideas, and resources (June, 2011).
3. Continue the monthly ECHO Enrichment, AFF seminars and Footsteps newsletter to enrich and encourage LLFF; adapt them to the needs of leadership teams (ongoing).
4. Develop and encourage diocesan accreditation for LLFF leaders and teams (June, 2011).

2011-2012

1. Evaluate LLFF in parishes, based on the two previous years and adapt diocesan outreach accordingly. Celebrate and communicate LLFF growth in parishes (September, 2011).
2. Provide resources and ongoing training and enrichment (ongoing).
3. Expand and encourage diocesan accreditation (September, 2011).