



Adult Faith Formation Newsletter

“Planning the adult faith formation program” Part III

“There are four basic and interlocking aspects to planning a program. They are: *needs assessment, program designing, implementation, and evaluation.*”

3. Implementation programs for AFF
Program Models or resources are similar to tools. After one knows the type of job that needs to be done, one selects the most effective tools to help to get the job done. Thus, after the planners have chosen topics and set goals for the program, they are ready to design the program model/or choose the resources to achieve the goals of the program. The program model is the format of the learning experience. There are many formats, and some formats may be combined. An ordinary lecture series, for example, could become “Theology Nights Out” or “Cabaret Nights,” a series of several evenings a year that include a catered supper, after-dinner speaker, and prayer service.

Below are listed a few common programs formats and models.

- Parenting programs
- Family soup and bread evenings
- Parish workshops
- Lecture series
- Saturday mini-course or day of prayer
- Homemakers daytime programs with babysitting

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D/CAFF meeting

Our next D/CAFF meeting will be on Friday, November 20, 2009 at St. Andrew, Newtown, to RSVP call Mai Pham at 215-968-2262.

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Resources for your library

A Concise Guide to Adult Faith Formation
By Neil Parent

In the newest addition to The Concise Guide series, Neil Parent lends his authoritative voice to the issue of adult faith formation. Parent articulates his view that learning about the faith in adulthood is not merely an extension of basic childhood religious education, but is rather a continuous, lifelong process.

Available from Ave Maria Press.

- MOMS, Elizabeth Ministry
- Evening retreat, daytime retreat
- Parent preparation for a child’s reception of a sacrament
- Parish renewal mission
- Book, feature film, video discussion
- Group discussion
- Published programs for small groups using video or printed materials
- Projects that serve others, such as providing adults with life skills
- Helping adults cope with changes in their lives
- Panel of local experts on a given topic
- Parish “town meeting” format
- Combination of social event with an educational component
- Parish library with printed and/or audiovisual materials

(*Nurturing Adult Faith: A Manual for Parish Leaders*, p. 39)