

Adult Faith Formation

Ministry Formation Specialization Day 2020

1. Who Says? → RESOURCES

- *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us* – USCCB, 1999
- *Deepening Faith* – Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP, 2017
- *Concise Guide to Adult Faith Formation* – Neil Parent, 2009

2. What Are We Trying to Accomplish? → GOALS

- Mature Faith – a) living, b) explicit, c) fruitful
- Goals – a) Ongoing conversion, b) Active membership, c) Disciples in Mission
- CCC 158 – relationship of knowing and loving God

3. Adult Faith Formation → What Is It?

- Information + Formation for Transformation
- More than programs... It's learning to be a disciple
- Where is formation taking place in your parish?
- "The point of AFF is to engage disciples to connect faith and life" J Schaeffler
- "The Parish is the curriculum" OHWB, US Bishops
- Six Tasks (areas): 1) Knowledge of the Faith, 2) Liturgy, 3) Morality, 4) Prayer, 5) Communal Life, 6) Mission OHWB 88-96

4. How to Proceed → What Do I Do?

- "None of us is as smart as all of us" – don't think you can do this all by yourself
- Form a team of folks who have a passion for AFF
- Clarify Assumptions about AFF! Realize that everything we do is formative – JS
- Create an AFF Vision – What is the ideal that you're striving to achieve?
- Director of AFF and team (acc to OHWB 135, 142) – "a unifier, an encourager, a keeper of the flame"
- Subcommittees for division of labor
- Connecting and Networking w/ Parish Staff and other ministries
- Do a needs assessment of adults w/in your parish – every parish's learning needs are unique
- Welcoming and comfortable environment are critically important
- Rules of etiquette – especially confidentiality
- Using Social Media – keep in touch! Promote the vision!
- Be sensitive to demographics and age groups – one size does not fit all

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