

Handout 3 - Profile of Parish Faith Formation: First Two Decades of Life

On a newsprint sheet use this grid to develop a parish profile of faith formation from birth to 19 years old. List the major programs and activities.

	Young Children 0-5	Grade School 6-10	Young People (11-14)	Young People (High School)
How does the parish form the faith of the family at home ?				
How does the parish form the faith of the family in the parish ?				
How does the parish develop parenting practices and skills of parents ?				
How does the parish equip parents to be faith formers?				
How does the parish provide age-group catechesis at this stage of life?				
How does the parish provide family catechesis programs, events, and gatherings?				

Handout 3 – SWOT Analysis of Family Faith Formation: First Two Decades of Life

Conduct an analysis of family faith formation from 0-19 years old. Create a 2x2 matrix on a sheet of newsprint (see below) and answer the questions in each box.

<p>Strengths:</p> <p>What are we doing well....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in addressing the lives of parents today? • in addressing the lives of families today? • in forming the faith of families – at home and in the parish – from birth to 19 years old? • in equipping and supporting parents (practices, skills, faith forming) 	<p>Weaknesses/Challenges:</p> <p>What are the challenges we are facing....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in addressing the lives of parents today? • in addressing the lives of families today? • in forming the faith of families – at home and in the parish – from birth to 19 years old? • in equipping and supporting parents (practices, skills, faith forming)
<p>Opportunities:</p> <p>Where are the opportunities for....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • faith formation with families with children and young people? • equipping and supporting parents? 	<p>Threats:</p> <p>What are forces in your civic community and in our society that are having an impact on....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • forming the faith of families? • equipping and supporting parents ? • forming the faith of children? • forming the faith of young people?

What have we learned from the SWOT analysis?

1. What are our strengths? What’s working?
2. What are the challenges or areas for growth?
3. What are the new opportunities for family faith formation?
4. What are the forces impacting parents and families?

Handout 3 - Priority Areas for Development in Family & Parent Faith Formation

Use the SWOT Analysis and your key findings from the research to identify up to six areas where the parish needs to develop family faith formation from birth through 19 years old.

1. Review your work from the **Portrait of Our Families** – the concluding question to the review of Parent Café and the Parent Survey results: *Parents and families in our parish....*
2. Review your answers to the four questions about what you learned from the **SWOT** Analysis.
3. Identify up to **6 priority areas** – as a team – that the parish needs to address in developing faith formation with families and parents. Priorities for action can include:
 - Strengthening a current initiative (program, activity, resource, etc.)
 - Improving or expanding a current initiative (program, activity, resource, etc.)
 - Addressing an audience that is not being served or is underserved
 - Designing a new initiative to address a weakness or develop a new opportunity

Your Top Priorities