



Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth

A Three-Part Faith Formation In-Service Program
Developed by NFCYM Training In-Services



The research on teens and faith cannot be clearer: parents matter... a lot! So what is the Church doing to engage and partner with parents in supporting them in their rightful role as primary formators of faith for their family? And what can parents do to take ownership for leading their children and teens toward a vibrant faith that embraces discipleship?

To respond to these questions, NFCYM has created a three-part training program like no other:

- *A two-hour evening parent program designed to model for parish leaders and local trainers how to engage and partner with parents in the lifelong process of faith formation.*
- *A half-day (3 hour) morning training for diocesan/parish/school leaders.*
- *A half-day (3 hour) afternoon training of the trainers session to prepare local trainers to replicate the parent sessions in parishes and schools throughout the diocese.*
- *The complete parent session PowerPoints and a host of family faith resources are given to the diocese with full copyright permission to use throughout the diocese.*
- *An excellent tool for use with all sacramental preparation programs, faith formation events and adult formation gatherings.*

Part 1: Evening Parent Session - *a two-hour session for parents which models for local leaders (diocesan, parish, school, trainers) how to replicate these sessions in their own communities. Outcomes include...*

1. *To communicate the reality of current religious beliefs, attitudes and activities of teens today using contemporary research and to highlight the critical impact of the parents' faith, beliefs and actions on that of their children/teens.*
2. *To listen attentively to parent's hopes, needs and concerns concerning the faith formation of their children and what is needed from their faith community to support them in their efforts.*
3. *To create an urgency for change in both parents and parishes to seek new ways to begin comprehensively forming children and teens in their Catholic faith.*
4. *To assist parents in assessing individual and family faith needs and to model practical ideas, strategies and resources for family faith growth and engagement.*

Part 2: Morning Program for Diocesan/Local Leaders - *a three-hour in-service for pastors and parish/school leaders and future parent session trainers. Outcomes include...*

1. *To identify the limitations of a "consumer-provider model" of faith formation and how it may be hindering the desired outcomes for faith growth stated in our Church documents.*
2. *To identify the new vision, models, roles, and relationships required to bring about the change that is necessary to strengthen the Catholic faith of the next generation of believers.*
3. *To advocate for a fundamental shift within the faith formation system, highlighting the steps necessary for long-term change in how young people are formed in faith.*

Part 3: Training of the Trainers – *a three-hour program for local trainers (designated by the diocese) to review the presentation issues and nuances associated with this comprehensive training program.*

Cost: \$1500 plus travel and lodging for presenter – Now Booking Dates for 2010

To schedule this program in your area, contact Michael Theisen at miket@nfcym.org or 202-674-4209