

Post - Confirmation Engagement



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Why its important: formation

- Confirmation preparation- invite, foster, and call to responsibility of being **disciples**
- Intentional Christian environment & community - foundation
- Catechesis – appropriate for adolescent age
- Evangelization opportunity – parents, sponsors, friends, parish leaders & community
- Connection to youth and parish ministries

New Active Members!

- Not graduation, not series of hoops...

... but a new life in the church!

- Integrated into parish community
- Acquainted with liturgical roles
- Developed sense of servant leadership
- Connected to key relationships
- Source of **energy, renewal, vibrant life!**



What can we do

- Meet the young people in the milestones of their life
 - Driver's license-blessing
 - High School Graduation/Baccalaureate Mass
 - College application process
 - Entering workforce/military
 - Family dynamics
 - Social scenes
 - Dating & relationships
 - 'Issues' – (prevention) depression & stress
 - Loss of peers – tragedy in young person's life
 - Academic, sports, and arts achievements
 - Development of professional skills & social etiquette
- Opportunity for Church community to be present – support, celebration, pastoral care, prayer – (God is in all of the messiness!)
 - Faith formation is LIFELONG



... How can we do it

- Relational ministry – be welcoming!
 - Teach community; train leaders
- Personal invitation for active engagement
 - Recognize gifts and talents
- Know it is part of journey
 - Not catch all; ‘groupings’ based on gifts
- Connect to ‘plug in’ events
 - Parish – Parish Council
 - Diocese – CLI, Convention
 - National/global – mission trip, conferences

Where can we get involved?



- Prayer & Worship
 - Music ministry
- Pastoral Care
 - Retreat for Seniors
- Catechesis
 - 5 Week Series (topic)
- Advocacy
 - Website or pod cast

- Service & Justice
 - Mission Trip
- Leadership Development
 - Peer Ministry & Catechist
- Community Life
 - Mailings, cards, gifts
- Evangelization
 - Seasonal Gatherings

