



Connecting Families to Sacramental Ministries for Children and Youth

2019 National Workshop Series for Catholic Leaders

The Center for Ministry Development invites you to join us for this workshop series which will provide vision and practical resources for leaders to know, welcome, engage, and empower parents as they share faith and sacramental life with their children.

Schedule for the Day

8:30 a.m. Register and Enjoy Hospitality

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Gather in Prayer

9:15 a.m. ***Session 1 – Accompanying Today’s Families***

Families are the school of love and the place where children learn to live the truth of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. In this session, we will explore the Church’s vision for families and sacraments. We will share current research and insights about families and faith, and we will envision new relationships between families and the ministries that prepare children and youth for the sacraments of initiation.

10:30 a.m. Take a Break

10:45 a.m. ***Session 2 – Engaging Families in Sacramental Ministries***

Families of faith gather at two tables, the table of Eucharist at our parish, and the family table. In this session, we will share a process for engaging families that helps parents see their role of leading their family in faith at home and in the parish. This step-by-step process begins with hospitality and includes support for faith sharing at home as well as gatherings at the parish.

12:15 p.m. Have Lunch and Break

1:00 p.m. ***Session 3 – Exploring Best Practices for Each Sacrament of Initiation***

Parishes are re-imagining Sacramental ministries with families in mind and finding ways to connect families with these ministries for their children and youth. This session will provide practical examples and explore best practices for the preparation, celebration, and follow-through for Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, and Initiation ministries. This will include networking with leaders working in similar ministries and planning for first steps for implementing your vision back home.

2:15 p.m. Gather for Closing Prayer

2:30 p.m. Go and Live the Vision!