

# Life-long, faith formation...

"Our aim is to put people

not only in touch with Christ

but also in communion and intimacy

## WHY?

The Catholic Bishops of the United States have called the Church to a renewed commitment to **Faith Formation**, especially for adults. It is essential to "who we are and what we do" as Church. Therefore life long, faith formation must be the central task in our catechetical enterprise."

USCC, Our Hearts Were Burning within Us, #42

## WHAT?

The Bishops instruct us that a mature adult faith is...

**Living:** a living faith is a searching faith; it seeks understanding. There is a trusting persistent seeking for the Gospel and a trust in its power to guide and transform our lives.

**Explicit:** Christian Faith is above all, conversion to Jesus Christ and a sincere to walk in his footsteps. As such adult faith is explicitly connected to the life, teaching and mission of the Church.

**Fruitful:** Where the Spirit is active, faith is fruitful. The fruits of the Holy Spirit include love, joy peace, patience, faithfulness, and self control. We bear witness in the world to the gift of faith.

USCC, Our Hearts Were Burning within Us, #49

## HOW?

A living, explicit and fruitful Christian faith requires growth in the six dimensions of Faith Formation. Each is a fundamental aspect of Christian Life and a foundational element for Faith Formation. They are:

### Knowledge of the Faith

- to know love and obey Jesus, Christ
- to explore the Scriptures
- to study the Church's teachings

### Liturgical Life

- to value our Baptismal identity
- to seek full, conscious and active participation in the liturgy
- To celebrate the sacramental life

### Moral Formation

- to acquire a well formed conscience
- to examine Christ' law of Love
- to understand the meaning of sin

### Prayer

- to explore the diverse forms of Christian prayer
- to develop a pattern of personal prayer
- to pray with others

### Communal Life

- to foster interpersonal growth
- to nurture marriage and family

### Missionary Spirit

- to cultivate an evangelizing spirit
- to respond to God's call

with Jesus Christ."

General Directory for Catechesis, 1998 #80

## OPPORTUNITIES

for you here at St Ladislav...

(Contact the Parish office to participate or inquire)

- **Annual Parish Fair:** yearly invitation to participate in parish ministries and groups



*Our ongoing parish program for all ages to grow in faith through common and age-specific learning experiences and sharing*

- **Sacramental Preparations:** Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA
- Little Rock Bible Study groups
- Good Shepherd Catechesis for children ages 3-9: *a Montessori based program of Religious education for children*

"Let us strengthen our communities and intensify our efforts

- to help our communities be touched and transformed by the life-giving message of Jesus
- To explore its meaning
- To experience its power
- And to live in its lights as faithful disciples today.

"This is the Lord's work!"

*From the Bishops 1999 document, Our Hearts Were Burning within Us # 183*