



Diocese of
Green Bay

Adult Faith Formation News

Parishes: Holy, Fully Engaged, Alive!

IN THIS ISSUE:

A reminder to all adult faith formation leaders:

Be sure to get in your applications for the "Faith in Our Future Awards" grants by February 15, 2014.

Forms are attached!
Good luck!

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL



Please pray for the success of the 2014 Bishop's Appeal!

It has been a generous benefactor of the many adult faith formation programs the Diocese of Green Bay offers.

WIN A GRANT FOR YOUR PARISH! TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

During this year's Pope John XXIII Symposium, held on May 1, 2014, adult faith formation leaders from the Diocese of Green Bay will have an opportunity to win a "Faith



in Our Future Award" for their parish. With this, parish leaders have the opportunity to appropriate, for their parish's adult formation program, funding to advance effective and new ideas.

Moreover, your insights and creativity can be shared with other parishes, who, in turn, can put them into effect for the good of the Church. That's right! If you should win, your "Faith in Our Future Award" will be showcased before other parish leaders at the symposium.

So while there is still time, fill out an application and send it to the Office of Adult Faith Formation at the Diocese of Green Bay.

- For the "Faith in Our Future Award" application form, [click here](#).
- For the "Faith in Our Future Award" criteria for assessment, [click here](#).
- For the "Faith in Our Future Award" outline, [click here](#).

I look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you!

2013 "Faith in Our Future Awards" Winners:

- \$800 "Parenting as God Intended" Holy Cross in Kaukauna
- \$500 "Christ Renews His Parish" St. John - Sacred Heart Parish
- \$500 "The Great Adventure at St. Isidore" St. Isidore the Farmer Parish
- \$300 "New Way to be Catholic" Four Parish Catholic Family
- \$300 "An Intro to the Bible" Holy Name of Mary/ St. Peter/Hubert
- \$300 "Women's Bible Study" St. John the Baptist
- \$300 "Beginning with Open Hearts" GB West Side Cluster Parishes

POPE FRANCIS AND YOUR ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM!

There are two insights that Pope Francis calls our attention to in his recent Apostolic Letter, ***Evangelli Gaudium***, that can prove quite useful for adult faith formation.



1. Adult faith formation, although rich in Gospel and doctrinal content, can be communicated in categories that correspond to everyday life:

"We should not think, however, that the Gospel message must always be communicated by fixed formulations learned by heart or by specific words which express an absolutely invariable content." (***Evangelli Gaudium***, 129)

2. While communicating the Gospel, but speaking in the language of the people, the preacher or teacher must contemplate two things and then bring them as close together as possible:

"The preacher also needs to keep his ear to the people and to discover what it is that the faithful need to hear. A preacher has to contemplate the word, but he also has to contemplate his people... He needs to be able to link the message of a biblical text to a human situation, to an experience which cries out for the light of God's word." (***Evangelli Gaudium***, 154)

Communicating the Gospel can be done- perhaps more effectively -outside of the box; that is, packaged and promoted in ways that corresponds to the needs and interests of people while remaining faithful to its redemptive power.

Share your ideas with the diocese by applying for a "Faith in our Future Award" grant!!

A QUOTE FROM OUR BISHOP:



"Let us continue to foster adult faith formation study groups in our parishes centered around Bible study, prayer groups, and renewal groups so as to further solidify this wonderful education and formation goal which has been such a large part of this diocese's history."

-Bishop David Ricken, ***Pastoral Letter: Called to Holy, Fully Engaged, Fully Alive***

"Journey into the Heart of God"

-By Julianne Stanz-

A great adult faith formation resource for your parish!



Julianne Stanz, Director of the Department New Evangelization, makes adult faith formation look easy in her newly published booklet, "Journey into the Heart of God." In it, she explains:

- ***The importance of adult faith formation***
- ***Key goals of adult faith formation***
- ***Landmines to avoid***
- ***Sample surveys and worksheets***
- ***And a step-by-step checklist in setting an adult faith formation program at your local parish***

Julianne also directs the reader to important sources by the USCCB, the Magisterium and other Catholic organizations designed to further the formation of the adults.

For the order form, please [click here](#).



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Please support the Bishop's Appeal. Thank you!

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