

As you prepare to provide feedback to the Faith Formation Task Force Recommendations...

The feedback for the recommendations proposed by the Faith Formation Task Force should be submitted between June 16 and July 28, 2017.

Online submissions are preferred.

The forms for online submissions may be accessed at ErieRCD.org/planning.htm.

The questions with each recommendation are purposely broad. Please consider them to be “starter” questions. We expect that as you spend time with the recommendations, and as you meet to discuss them, you’ll come up with additional considerations. We encourage and welcome that.

The task force expects that the plan will give parishes flexibility—one size does not fit all. It is likely the plan will give parishes an array of options from which they can select.

Bishop Persico asked that parishes gather groups together to brainstorm in creative ways. We welcome responses from individuals, parish pastoral councils and other organizations and offices, partnered or neighboring parishes, or even deaneries. Please feel free to structure gatherings however you think best in order to solicit feedback from interested parties.

Keep in mind that this is a both/and moment for our church. We need both catechetical content and greater efforts to evangelize and build relationships in our parishes. Those offering feedback are invited to read *Deepening Spiritual Engagement*, a document which served as the foundation for the recommendations. It can be found at www.ErieRCD.org/planning.htm.

Finally, Bishop Persico reminds us to keep our plans manageable.

“Our goal,” he said, “is to kick-start the evangelist in all of us so that we can fulfill the mission we’ve been given: to go out and proclaim the Good News. How can we inspire people and get them engaged in discipleship?”

Those who prefer to offer written responses should indicate which recommendation(s) they are responding to using the list below:

1. Lifelong formation
2. Vision
3. Parish Leadership
4. Diocesan Leadership
5. Role of the Family
6. Lay Ministry

Written responses should be mailed to:
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