

Alternative Model Type:	<p>Whole Community Catechesis (Lifelong Faith Formation)</p>
Description:	<p>At the heart of the lifelong faith formation process are the events of Church life. The lifelong model and its curriculum are fashioned around the events of our shared life as Church; Church year feasts and seasons, sacraments and liturgy, prayer traditions and spiritual practices, justice and service, and community life.</p>
Best Suited For:	<p>The whole community catechetical process is generally a non-grade specific process. It is designed around groups of children, youth and adults. This type of intergenerational grouping makes it a suitable choice for small parish programs. An additional consideration arises because the themes are derived from a single outside source. Everyone in the parish is studying the same theme at the same time which makes intergenerational activities easy to plan.</p>
Considerations:	<p>The content for whole community formation emerges from the events of the faith community. The beliefs and practices for living the Catholic faith are embedded in the events of Church life. The key catechetical task is to uncover the theological and doctrinal message with the event. The “content” emerges out of the event.</p> <p>A curriculum based on the life of the faith community works best in an environment where formation is a year round activity. The life of the parish doesn’t stop when the school year is over. Events can be scheduled in a way that is convenient for parishioners yet reflects the year long life of the parish.</p> <p>Catechists will need to be trained to use a variety of resources.</p>

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Principle Educational Audience:	Whole community catechesis takes seriously the teaching of the Church that adult formation is the heart of the Church’s educational ministry. With this in mind, the parish is intending to reach out to form all members no matter their age. Please note: this does not exclude children from formation it simply sets their formation within a larger context which is the entire parish.