

Dear Parish Member,

We invite you to give us feedback regarding the Faith Formation process here at St. Patrick Roman Catholic Community. By clicking on the web link below, you will be taken to a short document published by Catholic Update entitled, **“New Guide to Teaching the Faith, A Popular Overview of the General Directory for Catechesis”**. We encourage you to read this brief article and then click on the web link to take the actual survey.

As you read the survey, know that the survey is not age specific because Faith Formation is for all members of the parish. It does not matter what age you are! **The National Directory for Catechesis** states the following, **“Christ calls all the faithful to proclaim the Good News everywhere in the world and to hand his message on to successive generations by professing, living, and celebrating the faith in Liturgy and prayer. Evangelization and catechesis are among the principal means by which the Church hands on the faith. Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize”**.

There is a direct connection between catechesis and evangelization. The Update article states the following:

“The challenge of our time, laid out in these new guidelines, is to go deeply into our faith, in our parishes, and there find the path to catechesis and evangelization. Those involved in religious education indeed have a vocation as catechists (#233 GDC). That vocation should be shared and embraced by everyone in the parish.”

As members of the parish community and as Baptized Catholics, we are called to a better understanding of God. In official terms this better understanding is called “conversion.” In conversion, we hear the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed to us. We listen and reflect about how Jesus is talking to each of us. We have been created by God to live in communion with God. Finally, we begin to look at how to live the Good News in our daily lives.

Take a few moments to prepare, than give us your honest feedback. Help us know how we can serve you better in faith formation. Thank you for reading this information and thank you in advance for taking part in the survey process. We will publish a full report in the near future about the results of the survey. We will let you know through the newsletter and the web site what we have learned.

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