



Confirmation Process Overview

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Introduction

- Where did the sacrament of Confirmation come from?
- Where in scriptures do we find the inspiration for Confirmation?
- What does the Catechism of the Catholic Church say about it?
- How many guidelines does ADLA have regarding the Confirmation Preparation Process?



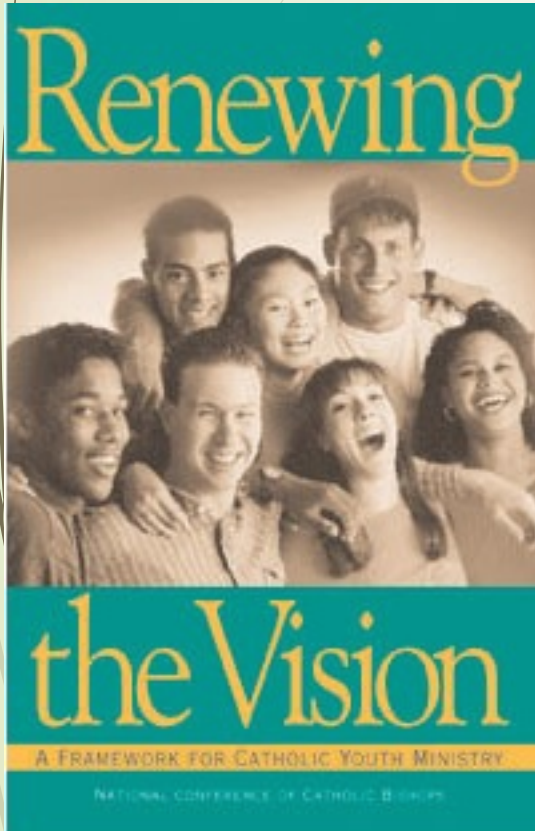
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Confirmation Process

- Confirmation Preparation Process
 - Maturing in faith
 - Using the eight components
 - It is a parish event



Renewing the Vision



- ▶ A Document published in 1997 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (Publication No. 5-004)
- ▶ In 1976 *A Vision of Youth Ministry* was published.
- ▶ ***Renewing the Vision*** builds on this and offers a blueprint for the continued development of ministry with youth.



The Mission of Youth Ministry

- Youth Ministry is the response of the Christian community to the needs of young people and the sharing of the unique gifts of youth with the larger community.



Goals of Youth Ministry

- ▶ Ministry with adolescents works to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.
- ▶ Ministry with adolescents seeks to draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the faith community.
- ▶ Ministry with adolescents empowers young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.



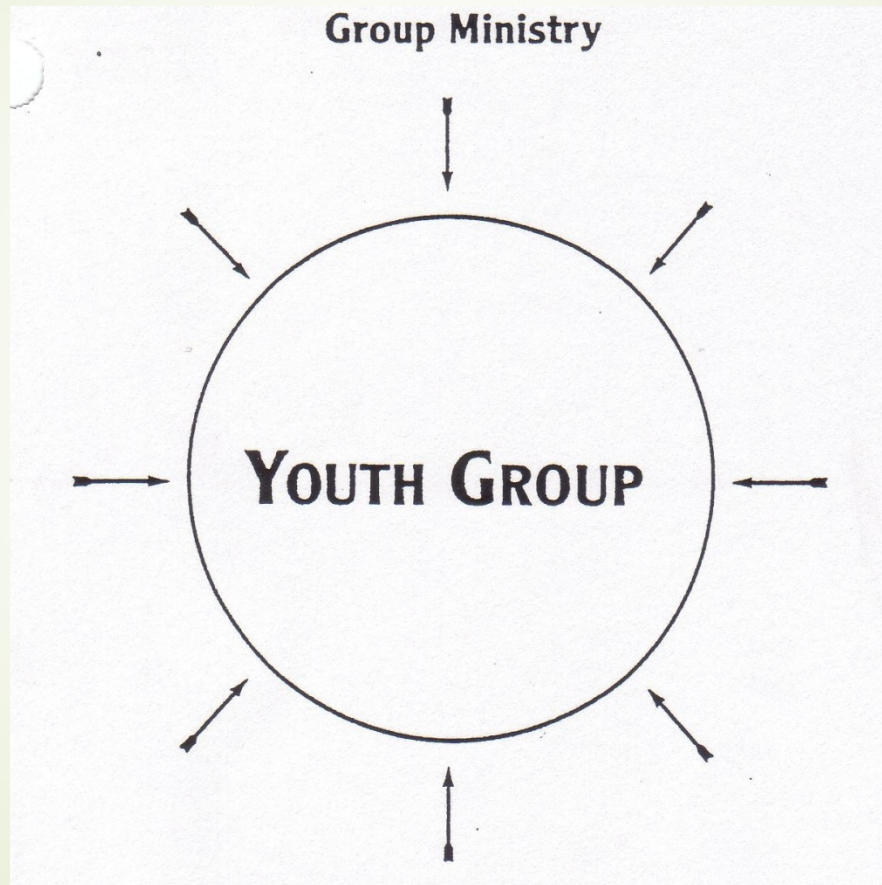
Practical applications of Youth Ministry

- ▶ Developmentally Appropriate
- ▶ Family Friendly
- ▶ Intergenerational
- ▶ Multicultural
- ▶ Community-wide Collaboration
- ▶ Leadership
- ▶ Flexible and Adaptable Programming

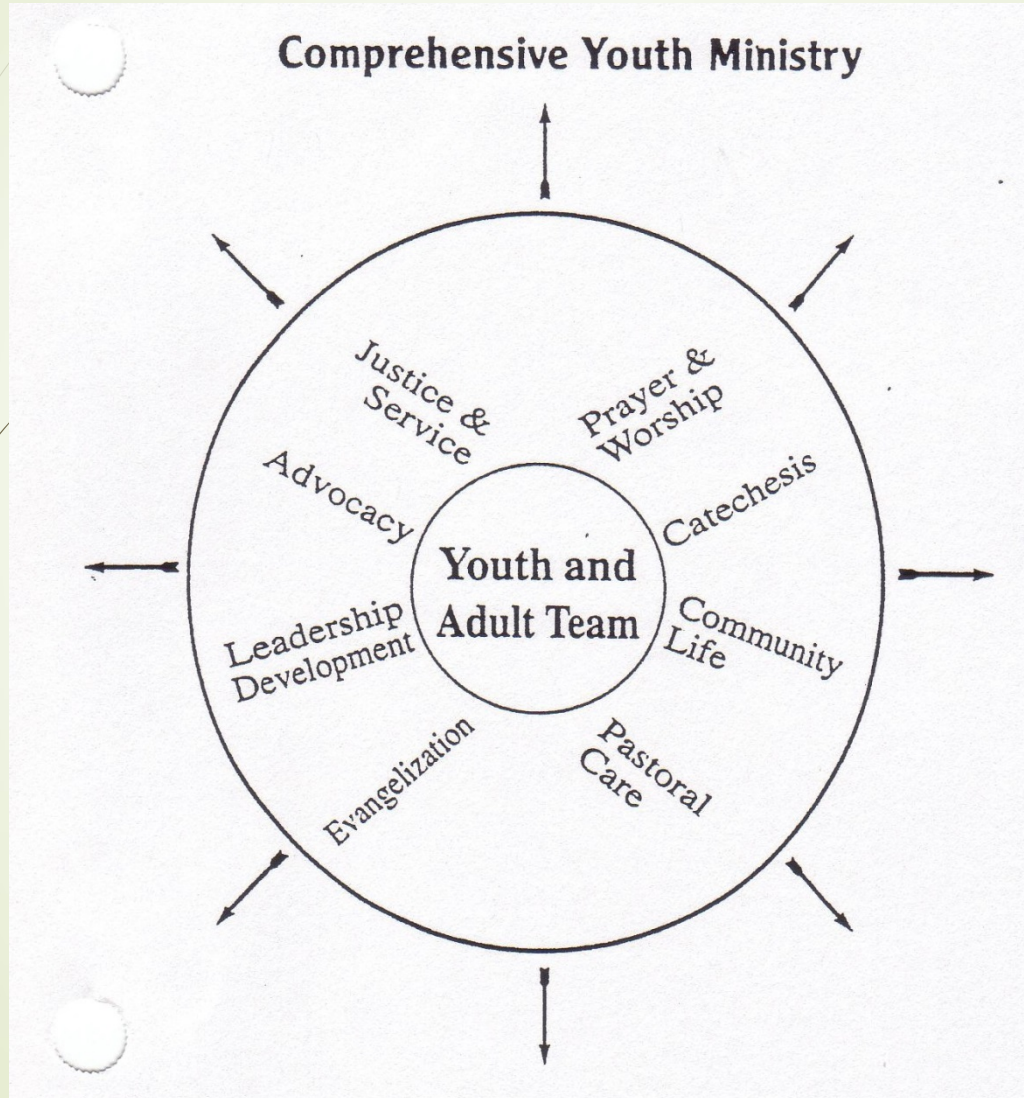
Comprehensive Youth Ministry


- Youth Ministry vs. Youth Group
 - Groups assume we are all the same
 - Groups assume we're available at the same time
 - Groups assume that one or two adults can do it
 - Groups assume you like groups

The Youth Group




The Youth Ministry





Comprehensive Youth Ministry

- *Advocacy: interpreting, acting, empowering*
- *Catechesis: sponsoring, fostering, helping*
- *Community Life: creating, helping, providing*
- *Evangelization: proclaiming, inviting, ongoing witnessing*
- *Justice, peace and service: Guiding, empowering, infusing*
- *Leadership Development/Enablement: Recruiting, training, supporting, sustaining*
- *Pastoral Care/Guidance: promoting, training, supporting, developing*
- *Prayer and Worship: assisting, providing involving.*




Comprehensive Youth Ministry

- Four Ministry Settings
 - Youth Programming
 - Family Ministry
 - Involvement in Church and Community
 - Collaboration with the civic community

Comprehensive Youth Ministry


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Comprehensive Youth Ministry

- Gathered and Non-Gathered
 - Things we can do together
 - Things we do with our Households of faith
 - Things for enrichment




Comprehensive Youth Ministry

- Goals of Youth Ministry
 - Understanding faith
 - Make good decisions
 - Safe place
 - Parish life
 - Development of self

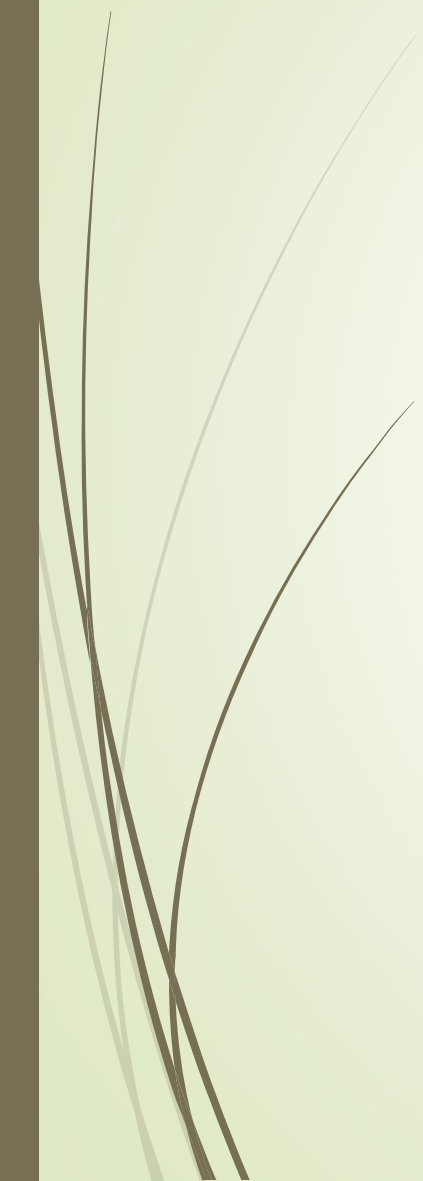


Catechists Role in Youth Ministry

- Bridge the gap between "Youth Group vs. Confirmation." "Their teens and our teens".
- Evangelization of Youth Ministry in the Confirmation Program
- Catechist should journey with the teens in Youth Ministry



Benefits of Youth Ministry to the Confirmation Program

- Teens have more support and more role models in their life.
 - Leadership development can come out of Youth Ministry
 - Teens that may attend Youth Ministry nights/events can be inspired to join the Confirmation Program.
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Sharing

- ▶ Make two concentric circles
 - ▶ With one partner share: where when who and what you know about your confirmation
 - ▶ Tell your new partner about your confirmation preparation
 - ▶ Share with your partner your confirmation name and how and why it was chosen
 - ▶ Describe a service project you did as a confirmation candidate
 - ▶ If possible share a transforming moment in your life that occurred because you have been sealed with the gifts of the holy Spirit.

Things to note....

- There are many resources
- They are many wisdom figures within the archdiocese and even the parish nearby
- Each process is unique
- Each process builds on the mission of our church, and our archdiocese.

Confirmation Process

- The General Directory on Catechesis
 - Says that all Education formation should be based on RCIA principles.
 - Invitation (inquiry/rite of acceptance/welcome)
 - Community Building (Catechumenate, Rite of Election)
 - Sacrament Preparation Stage (Purification & Enlightenment, Easter Sacraments)
 - Discipleship Stage (Mystagogia)

The Four Stages

- Precatechumenate or inquiry
- Catechumenate
- Purification and Enlightenment
- Mystagogia

The Four Stages With the Rites

- Precatechumenate or inquiry
 - Rite of Acceptance
- Catechumenate
 - Rite of Sending
- Purification and Enlightenment
 - Easter Sacraments
- Mystagogia
 - Pentecost

The Four Stages With the Rites

- Precatechumenate or inquiry **Flirting with the Church**
 - Rite of Acceptance
- Catechumenate **Dating the Church**
 - Rite of Sending
- Purification and Enlightenment **The Engagement**
 - Easter Sacraments **The Wedding**
- Mystagogia **The Honeymoon**
 - Pentecost **Happy ever after**

Parallel to Confirmation

- Intro into the Process **Flirting**
- Rite of Welcome Commitment to the Process with a sponsor
- More Catechesis through the rest of year one and part of year two **Dating**
- Commitment to the Journey **As a candidate let us continue this call to a deeper understanding of discipleship**
- Retreats and Service **Conversion and engagement**
- Rite of Affirmation **Public call to sacrament**
- Confirmation **The gifts showered**
- Mystagogia **Call to service in the Parish Community**

Goals of all Faith Formation

- Acts of the Apostles
 - Message (Word) *Kerygma*
 - Community *Koinonia*
 - Worship *Liturgia*
 - Service *Diakonia*



Faith Themes

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Church ++ Service ++ **Liturgy** ++ Jesus

Catholic life and belief

Justice ++ **Morality** ++ Sacraments

++ **Human Sexuality** ++

Decision making ++ *Journey*

Sacrament of Confirmation

Following Jesus ++ **Personal Giftedness**

Service ++ Justice and Peace

Decision making and morality ++ **Scripture**

Confirmation Process

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➤ Faith Themes

- Year One
 - Journey/Faith Story
 - Personal Giftedness
 - Jesus
 - Following Jesus
 - Church
 - Decision making and morality
 - Liturgy and Liturgical seasons/Worship and Prayer
 - Scripture

• Faith Themes

- Year Two
 - Justice and Service
 - Human Sexuality
 - Catholic belief and practices
 - Sacraments
 - Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation Process

➤ Rituals

➤ Year One

- Promise by Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors (at Liturgy)
- Covenant Call to Conversion (session)
- Renewal of Baptismal Promises (session or Liturgy)



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Confirmation Process



➤ Rituals

➤ Year Two

- Commitment to the Journey (at Liturgy)
- Affirming Confirmation Candidates (session)
- Blessing of Sponsors and Candidates (session or Liturgy)
- Confirmation (Liturgy)

What is the purpose of Confirmation Process for the CANDIDATE?

In other words what is the WHY for the Candidate? Is that different from your why?



Is the intended outcome of confirmation

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knowledge of the faith
or living the faith?

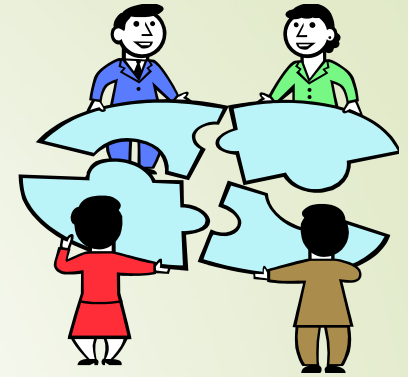




The Church teaches us

- It does not do justice to catechesis to think of it as instruction alone. (NDC 35)
- The Directory broadens catechesis beyond instruction by identifying the work of catechesis as being “to proclaim Christ’s message, to participate in efforts to develop community, to lead people to worship and prayer, and to motivate them to serve others” (NDC, No. 213)

We are here to connect young people to the faith community FIRST and FOREMOST -Catholic School kids, public school kids and home schooled kids.



Learning the catechism is just one piece of the puzzle.

We can Help them experience life as a disciple?



Discipleship

What is the purpose of Confirmation Process for the CANDIDATE?



To give them:

- hands on opportunities to serve others

- Fun and meaningful activities to help them build relationships with those around them
- Many different types of experiences in prayer so that they can learn how to express their love for God .

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How does Jesus send you?

He promises neither sword, nor money, nor any of the things which the means of social communications make attractive to people today. He gives you instead grace and truth. He sends you out with the powerful message of his paschal mystery, with the truth of the cross and resurrection. That is all he gives you, and that is all you need-

(Pope John Paul II, World Youth Day 1996).

Questions, comments,
confusion?

