



STRONG CATHOLIC FAMILIES

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The research on teens and faith cannot be clearer: parents matter... a lot! To help parishes more successfully engage with and pass on our Catholic faith, the Diocese of Toledo and Ottoville, Immaculate Conception are inviting all parish leaders to help us in building...

Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth Partnering with Parents to Bring Home the Faith

Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth is a strategic process designed to equip parish/school leaders in empowering and supporting parents in leading their children and teens toward a vibrant faith that embraces discipleship. This process provides an excellent perspective of empowering parents and families that can be incorporated into all of parish life, particularly sacramental preparation, adult and child faith formation, as well as all parish ministries.

The two parts of this in-service include a two-hour parent session and a two-hour parish/school leader session. Leaders are urged to attend both parts of this in-service to gain the full effect of the strategic dynamic that is involved.

Parent Session (NOVEMBER 17 | 9am - 11am)

Ottoville Parish Center Fitness Room * Free Child Care is available

- A two-hour parent program designed to model for parish/school leaders how their faith community can pastorally engage and partner with parents in the lifelong process of faith formation. ***Who Should Attend?*** Obviously... Parents, but also those involved in the lives of children & teens... aunts, uncles, grandparents, and godparents are welcome.

Parish/School Leader Session (NOVEMBER 17 | 11:15am – 1:15pm – Lunch included)

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- A two-hour in-service for parish/school leaders that uses a change management strategy to critically examine the traditional faith formation system while highlighting a strategic process for moving toward an engaged partnership with parents in living and sharing the Catholic faith at home and through the life and mission of the faith community. ***Who Should Attend?*** Pastors, pastoral leaders, religious education and youth ministry coordinators, family life ministers, pastoral council leaders, key catechists, catholic school administrators, and high school campus ministers. Anyone who works with parents, children, and youth!



Featuring... Mark Mann

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