



La Fe Viva en el Hogar

**FAITH offers programmatic integration with Parish needs:**

- Supplements Baptismal Preparation
- Works in tandem with Pre-School Registration processes

**FAITH GOALS**

65% of families increase Mass Attendance

75% of families enroll in Catholic Pre-School

Increase Baptism Capture Rate by 5%

80% of families increase prayer together

Parents integrate virtues in discipline and regularly read Bible stories with children



**FAITH Alive in the Home in your Parish**  
**Serving Parents of Toddlers**

FAITH is a peer-mentoring program that trains parishioners to provide in-home visits to parents of toddlers.

Modeled on Parents as Teachers, FAITH is also influenced by the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd philosophy and methods.

FAITH supports parents by assessing developmental stages of toddlers and modeling age-appropriate methods of forming the child's social, emotional and pre-school skills in the context of faith.

**FAITH Alive in the Home PROGRAM:**

- ❖ Is administered by the FAITH Director and regional Liaison
- ❖ Trains parishioners to be FAITH Facilitators, to visit 1 – 3 families 8 – 10 times a year
- ❖ Supervises Facilitators and collaborates with a Facilitator-Coordinator in your parish
- ❖ Offers parent sessions and Cross-generation family gatherings, and provides child-friendly faith materials
- ❖ Fosters adult faith-formation through personal relationships that bond young parents to the church community

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**Connect with Young Adults in your Parish**

**Parents First and Most Important Teachers of Faith**



<b>Mission</b>	Our mission is to support parents as First Teachers of the Faith by fostering their faith growth, and modeling ways to integrate faith in their toddler’s formation and all areas of family life.
<b>Model</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Home visits providing researched methods of building faith in the family</li> <li>▪ Individualized goal-setting for family faith development</li> <li>▪ Shared monitoring of child’s developmental milestones that include faith</li> <li>▪ Scripture-based curriculum influenced by Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</li> <li>▪ Family engagement in parish liturgical, social and service opportunities</li> <li>▪ Referral to professional services as needed to meet child/family needs</li> </ul>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Emphasize the holiness of a parent’s vocation</li> <li>▪ Foster parenting competence and personal faith</li> <li>▪ Assist parents in creating family faith-based rituals</li> <li>▪ Strengthen family relationships within a parish community</li> <li>▪ Support parents in consciously nurturing their child’s relationship with Jesus</li> <li>▪ Engage child in developmentally appropriate activities focused on faith</li> <li>▪ Encourage child’s continued formation in Catholic schools or PSR</li> </ul>
<b>Methods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Affirming parental strengths while offering opportunities for personal growth</li> <li>▪ Building relationships with families through monthly home visits</li> <li>▪ Assisting parents in meeting their family faith goals</li> <li>▪ Imbedding faith in childhood exploration, play and family home environment</li> <li>▪ Providing resources for engaging children with faith-based activities</li> </ul>
<b>Distinctive Features</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Supports families from child’s birth through pre-school</li> <li>▪ Allows each family to evaluate their faith practices and set personal goals</li> <li>▪ Offers parent faith sharing circles and liturgically themed family interactive gatherings</li> <li>▪ Incorporates Virtue-based Discipline and Restorative Practices in the home</li> <li>▪ Helps form relationships among young Catholic Families in a parish</li> </ul>
<b>FAITH Results</b>	<p>In initial implementation with FAITH families:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 100% experienced an increase in personal and family prayer</li> <li>▪ 80% reported greater comfort with discipline using virtue-based methods</li> <li>▪ 65% cited increased Mass attendance</li> <li>▪ 100% found family faith gatherings enriching</li> </ul> <p>Results apply to families of diverse ethnicity, race, economic level and parish locations.</p>