



Adult Confirmation

Millennial Milestones

Adult Confirmation Reality:

- Need to respect young adults new maturity
- RCIA is not for adults seeking Confirmation
- Young Adults do not belong in a High School setting
- The young adult might need confirmation in a few months

Why do young adults seek confirmation?

- They have been asked to be a god mother/ father for Baptism
- They have been asked to be a sponsor for Confirmation
- They have matured and see the wisdom and understanding of following their faith
- **Someone invited them to complete their Confirmation**

Adult Confirmation

- Needs a new face, A new paradigm
 - Where Hospitality is key
 - Where the parish is flexible in programming and meeting the needs of young adults
 - Where parish organizations welcome young adults, their enthusiasm, their thoughts
- Think about: What expense would your parish incur to highlight this Milestone? (Grant \$\$)

Adult Confirmation Goals:

- Entire process is welcoming with great hospitality across the board
- Conversation
 - Young adults long to talk about God
 - Voice of the young adult in parish life
- Begin...

...Grow...

...Sustain...

A relationship in communion with Jesus Christ!

Good Catechesis:

- Diocesan guidelines for Confirmation- How can this be applied to your setting?
- Diocesan curriculum- How can this be adapted to your setting?
- Faith Formation is Lifelong
- Offers variety of learning styles with peoples availability in mind
- Flexibility is your friend
- Methodologies
 - Face to face meetings
 - On-line learning opportunities
 - Group sharing/discussion
 - Video/DVD learning
- Mentoring element
- Develops leaders
- **Meaningful follow up – Mystagogia**
 - **Integration into Parish life**
 - **What have you experienced?**

Invitation

- Ongoing/year round announcements
 - Your Church is full at Christmas & Easter- take advantage of this!
 - College Breaks- Students usually at home
 - Summertime... Statistically young adults have time
- Announcement at Baptismal, Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, School, etc. (“Would you like to complete your initiation into the church?” Please see me after the meeting!)
- Personal **one-on-one** invitation works best

Marketing

- Go out into the field:
 - Meet them for coffee
- Training how to handle these calls:
 - Parish secretary is a key person
 - Catechetical Leaders, others.
- Build a bridge to your School community
 - There are many young adult parents

Benefits in choosing this Milestone:

- Training for parishioners to work with young adults, who can take on responsibility (Grant \$\$ for parish training)
- Design summer studies program to meet young adults need for Confirmation
- Understanding young adults needs and meeting with them outside the parish (Grant \$\$ for meetings)
 - Mentor meeting at a coffee shop
 - Wine & Cheese gatherings for young adults

What creative way can you meet their need?

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