

Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth

Hosting a Parent Session



Expectations of Host Parishes:

1. Schedule, promote and host a Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth Parent Session.

Session can be designed to meet your parish's needs. Options include:

- Special parish programs for parents
- Parent gatherings for sacramental preparation (First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation)
- Follow up gatherings for parents who have recently had a child baptized
- In-services for parish and school leaders
- Home School Association meetings

2. Work with diocesan staff to determine follow up steps after Parent Session.

The Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth program is an ongoing process of adapting parish life to support and strengthen families. Diocesan staff will be available to meet with your parish staff to assist in pastoral planning.

3. Commit to responding to the needs identified by parents on the Parent-to-Parish Response forms.

Each parent attending the Parent Session is asked to complete this response form. Host parishes should be ready to acknowledge and respond to the identified needs. Diocesan staff can assist with resources and suggestions. Additional follow up parent gatherings (variety of topics) are available from diocesan trainers.

Costs:

- Session fee - \$75.00
- 16 page [Family Faith Resource Booklet](#) - \$1.00 each (One per family)
- Table Tent Prayer & Blessing Cards (optional, but strongly recommended) - distributed one for each family that attends - \$1.20 each

To request a Parent Session:

Please contact Chris Hanley, Associate Director, Lifelong Faith Formation:
716-847-5521 or chanley@buffalodiocese.org

Please provide the following information:

- Parish/School name and location
- Contact person
- Phone
- Email
- Preferred dates and times for hosting the Parent Session
- Style of presentation (stand alone presentation; sacramental preparation gathering, Home School Association meeting, etc.)