



# **SHIFTING THE FOCUS**

## Back to the Families

What gives you the greatest energy in your ministry

## TAKE A PICTURE



What brings you the most anxiety and frustration in your ministry?





**PARENT  
INVOLVEMENT**

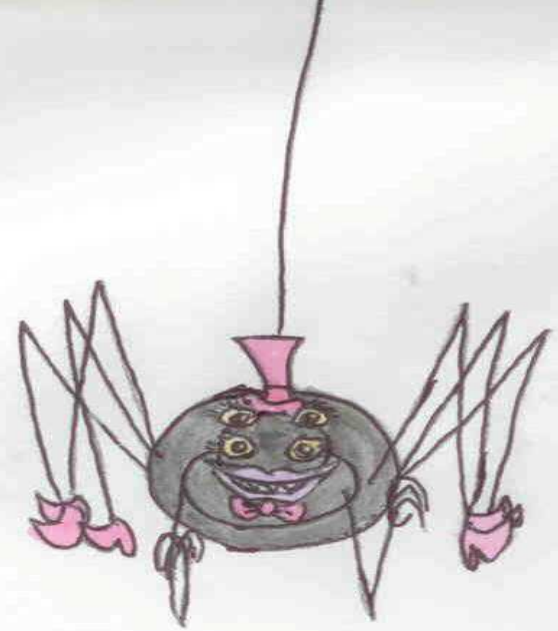
# FAMILY LIFE

## IN THE PAST

- Leave it to Beaver/Father Knows Best
- Family Life: centered in home
- Family Meals
- Family Rituals/tradition
- Extended family: local

## TODAY

Everybody Loves Raymond/Modern Family  
Family Life segmented  
Family Meals: occasionally  
Family rituals/traditions: weaker  
Extended Family: distant



SEEM  
PRETTY  
SCARY?

*Steven  
Fletcher*

# THE LIFEBOATS



# CHURCH DOCUMENTS

## Declaration of Christian Education Vat II

- Parents: first/foremost educators of children
- Family: first school of faith
- Children: first taught to know/love God
- Here: initiated into parish community

## Catechism of the Catholic Church

- Parents: first responsibility for the education of their children
- Bear witness by creating the home as domestic Church
- Family catechesis precedes, enriches, all other forms of instruction



# CHURCH DOCUMENTS ( cont)

## General Directory for Catechesis

- Family: defined by Vat II- Domestic Church
- Family passes on values awakens the sense of God in child
- Teaches first prayers
- More witnessing than teaching
- More daily than structured

## National Directory for Catechesis

- Catechesis that involves the whole family is a particularly effective method..because it helps parents to become more confident in sharing the faith with their children and encouraging their children's emerging faith. NDC 48\_E\_2

# ROLES OF THE PARENTS

- Sponsors of the Catholic Faith
- Gatekeeper of the Catholic Faith
- Interpreter of the Catholic Faith



What  
Next

# PARENTS AS PARTNERS

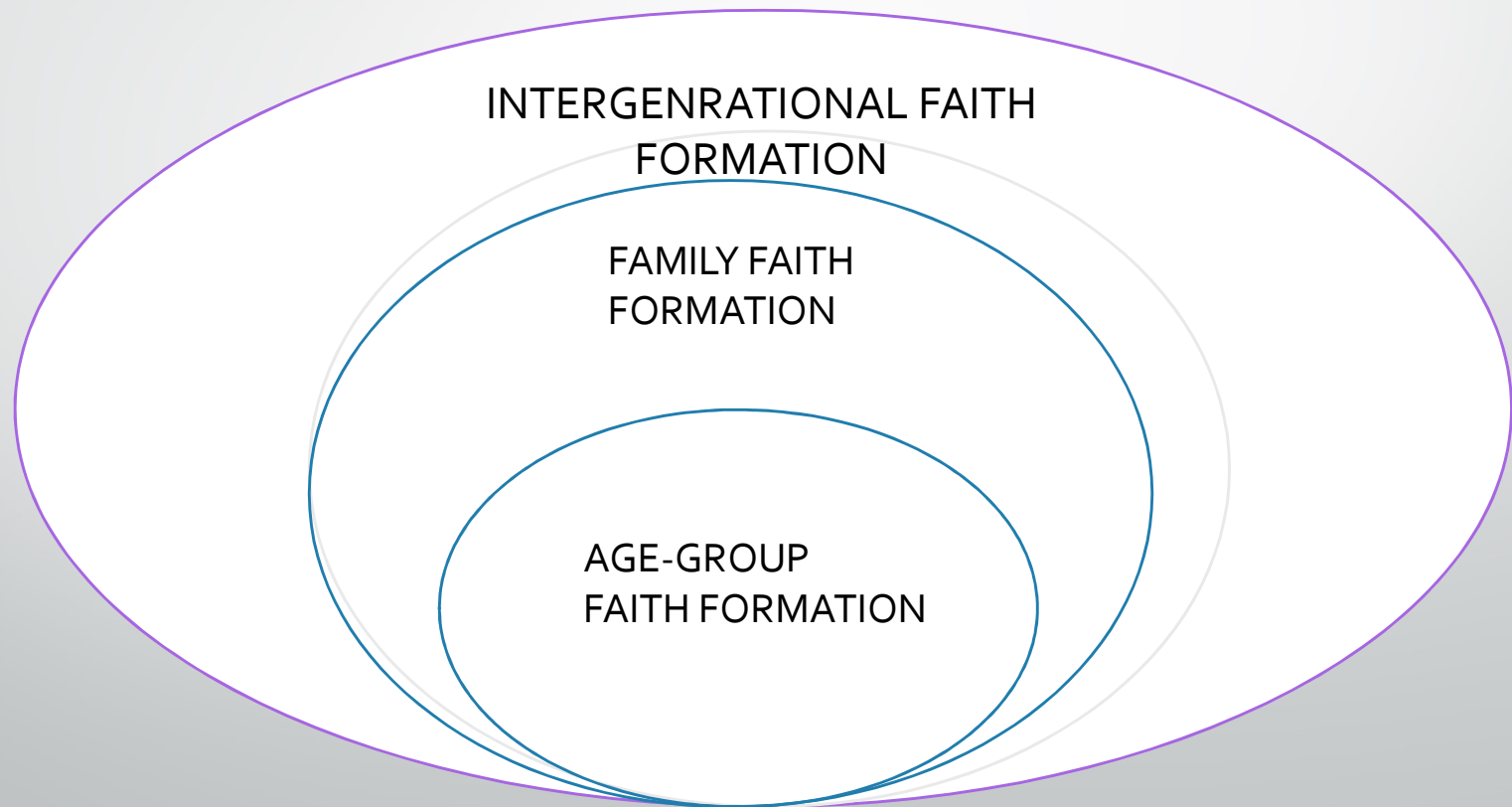
- Most important factors that empower faith maturity among young people:
  - Faith Conversations
  - Family Ritual and Devotion
  - Family Outreach and Service

## Dre as Coach



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# INTEGRATED APPROACH TO FAITH FORMATION



## One Size Does Not Fit All

Step 1: what do families need



Step 2:  
Designing new  
models for  
formation

# MODELS OF FAITH FORMATION

- **Classroom**
- **Parish Community**
- **Home/ Family Catechesis**
- **Summer Intensive/Year Round**
- **Intergenerational**
- **Digital platform**