

"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism, and you have the task to make it grow." – Pope Francis



# *Family* Focus: LAUNCHING YOUNG FAMILIES IN FAITH

## Making the Most of Baptismal Preparation and Follow-up

When parents present themselves to the Church for the Baptism of their child, what does the preparation look like in your parish?

How can we optimize this opportunity to make it a moment that invites the family to move deeper into a life of faith? How do we follow-up after the celebration of Baptism over the next few years?

The session will address

- Research on developing faith in young families
- Effective practices for preparing parents for their child's baptism
- Suggestions for connecting and guiding parents and young children.

This program will focus on effective ways of engaging parents during baptismal preparation and supporting them following the baptism of their child. When a couple has a child, especially their first child, they experience a major life transition. For the parish, this is an opportunity to meet the parents where they are, and to accompany them as they take the first steps in raising this child in the faith.

## JOIN US

TWO SESSIONS TO CHOOSE FROM

**Wednesday, October 30, 2019**

**6:30-8 p.m.**

**Friday, November 8, 2019**

**10-11:30 a.m.**

*No registration fee!*

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**Pastoral Center**

**3501 S. Lake Drive, Milwaukee**

**Presenter:**

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*Catechetical Consultant*



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