

Name change to Office of Evangelization, Catechesis, and Family Life. Effective January 2022

We have some exciting news! To better reflect a key pastoral focus of *Evangelization*, effective January 2022, the Office of Lay Formation and Family Ministries will be changing its name to Office of Evangelization, Catechesis, and Family Life.

The documents of the Church since Vatican II envision lifelong catechetical formation as the norm. The new Directory for Catechesis has added to this vision calling for a more intimate relationship between Kerygma and Catechesis. Evangelization must be interwoven throughout the process of catechesis, at every level and moment in the lives of the faithful.

The Office of Evangelization, Catechesis, and Family Life will continue to oversee lifelong formation - children through adult, family ministries, marriage preparation, and enrichment. We, as part of the Ministries Office, will continue to collaborate with the Offices of Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministries, and the Office of Worship – RCIA and RCIA adapted for children). We will continue to provide ongoing formation and support for parish catechetical leaders, marriage preparation ministers, parish family life leaders (family life, senior ministry, divorce, etc.).

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Some initiatives of the office in the coming year:

- Provide a series of **in-services for pastors and parish leaders**: equip them with practical tools to better understand and implement **lifelong formation and evangelization**
- Provide a series of **adult faith formation training** workshops
- Complete the work of three task groups in the next year that includes priests, deacons, and parish ministry leaders. The task group's focus: 1. **Catechist Formation Review**, 2. **Marriage Ministry Review**, 3. **Sacraments of Initiation Review**
- Partner with the University of Dallas Neuhoff Institute for Ministry and Evangelization **to develop appropriate education and training courses that provide multiple pathways of evangelization and formation** for parish ministry leaders, catechists, and adult Catholics
- Forge deeper connections between parish catechetical leaders and family life leaders through **regular deanery gatherings**, one on one leader enrichment, and social media networking
- Strengthen **marriage enrichment training and resources** to help parishes better accompany couples throughout their married life
- Parish visitations** each month to build solid relationships with clergy and parish ministry leaders