

## **Formation for the Next Generation**

### **Partnership Agreement**

#### **Catholic Extension will:**

- Underwrite the convenings of parents & caregivers with their religious education and faith leaders to discuss ways in which they can support Christian faith formation through teaching, ritual, and daily practice.
- Designate a facilitator and be present at the convenings.

#### **Participants will have:**

- Site coordinators – a *core* group; identify a minimum of two lead individuals per application (we recommend more than two, if applying for multiple parishes):
  1. A **parent-lead**, specific to that parish community. The parent-lead should help confirm parents, grandparents, caregivers, elders to attend the session.
  2. A **parish or faith leader**, specific to that community.
- Diocesan-level coordinator: a diocesan Religious Education or Formation Coordinator who can oversee the site(s). This individual should work with core group, as needed.
- Commit to both phases of the program: consultations and implementation.
- Agree to the guidelines and expectations outlined below.
- Submit a standard report detailing results to Catholic Extension.

### **Guidelines and Expectations**

#### **Phase 1: Consultations**

- Core group will organize the convenings.
- Facilitator will travel to your community on the date that has been mutually agreed upon with core group.
- Parent-lead contact and parish-lead will invite and confirm attendance of parents, caregivers, elders, catechists, and faith leader(s) who will provide their input and ideas for cultural teachings unique to their community and demographics.
- Facilitator will enable dialogue and document ideas that surface in these consultations.
- Facilitator will provide a report of these key ideas that result from this meeting, which will become the basis of step two described on the next page.

## Phase 2: Implementation

Once these consultations have occurred, the core group will work together to design a program to submit Catholic Extension for approval.

- The designated diocesan Religious Education or Formation Coordinator will submit this project that reflects the input of parents and caregivers one month after consultation.
- These programs/projects will be eligible for implementation funds; select sites may receive up to \$15,000.
- Catholic Extension will review program outlines beforehand to ensure that they adequately respond to ideas surfaced in the convening between parents & faith leaders. Through implementation, we hope participants develop new approaches and tools that support parents and caregivers at the local level to pass on the faith to their children.

### Reporting

Once communities have moved to the implementation stage, each site will provide short stories, reports, and videos capturing how the new tools and resources developed with the input of parents and caregivers were put into practice. This will be an annual collection of results from all. At the end of the program in three years time, Catholic Extension will convene a gathering of religious education leaders and all program participants (core leaders and others) at a national conference to discuss the learnings from this initiative. Dates to be announced later.

### **Partnership Agreement**

***Please upload this signed agreement into the application submission.***

I have read the Terms and Conditions of the Partnership Agreement and agree to uphold my commitment as an active partner in the program: *Formation for the Next Generation*.

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Diocesan Religious Education or Formation Coordinator, First and Last Name

Signature and Date

*\*A diocesan official who can oversee the site, work with, or be a part of the CORE team, as needed.*

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Parent-Lead, First and Last Name

Signature and Date

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Parish or Faith Leader, First and Last Name

Signature and Date