## Engaging Parents in Faith Formation: It's About "Building Parental Capacity"



Though our mission is forming disciples, catechetical leaders and catechists continually try to encourage and engage parents in faith formation as the primary educators in the faith. But not all parents have the capacity to talk about, model, and witness their faith with their children. They need faith formation too. We need think more about how we can build the capacity of parents as we work with them and their children in our faith formation programs and classes. HOW we do WHAT we do can work for or against parental engagement and involvement in the faith formation of their children. This session will help those involved in forming disciples reflect on HOW they do WHAT they do...opportunities (or missed opportunities) for supporting and engaging families in faith formation.

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