EDUCATION AND LIFELONG FORMATION

"In our parishes, we have made an extraordinary commitment to the lifelong formation and education of adults, youth, and children" (pg. 3).

"Our emphasis is not on institutions but on the persons being served" (pg. 3).

"Catholic schools have exceptional gifts and unique challenges that need to be addressed where they exist. In addition, our concern is to ensure that all parishioners continue to learn and be formed by Christ and His church by attending to the legacy of Catholic education and religious formation of children, youth and young adults, adults, and to ongoing formation that emphasizes family life" (pg. 3).

Questions for Reflection and Discussion – Personal or Small Groups

Please discuss as many questions as time allows. The parish listening sessions will focus on the last three questions.

1. What are some moments in my life when I have been drawn closer to Christ through my experience of Catholic formation?
2. When I think of my own experiences of education and formation in the faith, I am...
3. What do we have to celebrate? Please identify two or three ways your parish currently fosters Catholic lifelong formation and education.
4. What is God's hope for our parish? As a result of prayer, reflection and discussion what are two or three ways in which we believe the Lord is calling us to go in the area of Catholic education and formation?
5. How can we get there together? What specific programs or activities do you recommend as priorities in this important area of parish life?

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