

## A Note from Bishop Brian

To all our catechists, coordinators, and pastors who assist parents, grandparents and guardians in passing along our faith, a sincere word of thanks.

Yours is a ministry in transition, with a new family dynamic, a changed parish life and awareness of how people learn, which calls us to new ways of passing on our faith to our young and our old alike!

Intergenerational catechesis recognizes the need to form the whole family; with its roots in Scripture and Tradition and building upon resources we already possess Intergenerational Catechesis aids both parents and young people grow in faith.

*“The family as a locus of catechesis has a unique privilege: transmitting the Gospel by rooting it in the context of profound human values...It is indeed a Christian education more witnessed to than taught, more occasional than systematic, more ongoing and daily than structured periods” (GDC,255)*

As parishes continue to coordinate the religious formation of children and young people, I also encourage parishes to arrange a team visit to see Intergenerational Catechesis in action.

May God's Spirit continue to guide us as we grow in our faith.

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## Team Members

Our team members come to you from a variety of parish settings with many years of hands on experience using the Intergenerational Model.

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## To help catechists, coordinators and pastors explore the Intergenerational Model our team can provide you with the following options:

*From generation to generation, the gift of faith has been passed along, creating families and communities built on love, trust, respect and forgiveness. This gift welcomes Jesus into the daily life of the family. Intergenerational catechesis honors and supports the sacred role of family; accompanying today's parents as they too share with their children that treasured gift of faith.*

### For Family

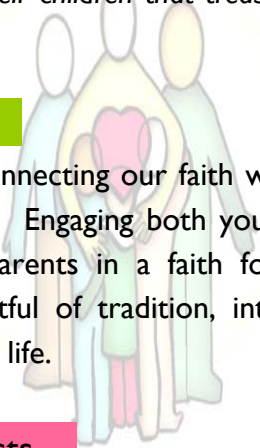
It is a way of connecting our faith with everyday family life. Engaging both young people and their parents in a faith formation which is respectful of tradition, interactive and designed for life.

### For Catechists

It expands the possibilities of echoing the good news. It is a catechetical option which can be integrated into any parish setting, gathering the gifts and talents of the larger faith community.

### For Community

It reminds us that as members of a faith community, we too are called to support and affirm our families as they grow in faith.



# 1

Team members can sit with you and provide:

- the background of the Intergenerational Model: where it originated and why?
- speak to the needs this model addresses from their parish experience
- share with you how a session can be structured and designed
- field your questions or concerns

# 2

Beginning with a brief introduction to the Intergenerational Model,

team members will explain each component of an Intergenerational Event with examples from their parish experience.

# 3

Team members can:

assist your catechists, coordinator and pastor in preparing and running an Intergenerational Event for your parents, young people and interested parishioners.

Should these options not address the needs of your parish, please contact the Emmaus Centre Resource Room and together we can design a visit that will reflect your needs.



To book a visit, or for further information please contact:

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