

Qualities of an Adult Faith Formation Program (OHWB 50-63)

Living Faith

1. Faith is both a gift of God and an authentically human response.
2. It is recognition of God's call in one's life.
3. We follow this call by accepting and living the truths of the Gospel.
4. A living needs nourishment – Jn 14:6

This life of faith must be maintained:

- Through an active participation in the Liturgy.
- Frequent reading of the Word Of God
- The writings of the Apostolic Fathers and the Early Church Fathers
- The Magisterial Documents of the Church
- Involvement in the community life and mission of the Church
- Personal prayer
- Participation in the works of mercy and justice
- The fulfillment of our human obligations in family and society through active practice of love for God and neighbor.
- A living faith searches and seeks to understand.
- It is keenly conscious and aware of the power and hold of sin in human life. (See: Heb 12:1; Rom 7:14-25)
- A person of mature faith is always in need of purification.

- The pattern of purification involves:
 - Repentance
 - Renewal
 - Constantly dying to sin
 - Rising by grace to new life

- This pattern is part of the Paschal Mystery; that through the sacraments shapes the whole existence of the mature disciple. (Mk 8:34-38)

Explicit Faith

1. Must be rooted in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and lived within the Christian community.
2. An intimate relationship with Jesus must take hold.
3. Thus this explicit faith will seek to be connected with the nature and mission of the Church.

Fruitful Faith

1. An adult must seek those fruits rooted in the Holy Spirit:
 - Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Gal 5:22-23)
 - Adult faith bears the fruit of justice and compassion through active outreach of those in need.
 - Adult faith bears the fruits of evangelization