



Christian Parenting and Caregiving Initiative

Formation for the Next Generation

Partnership Agreement

Catholic Extension will:

- Designate an experienced facilitator that best suits the parish community, based on the application.
- Travel to the approved parish site and facilitate the dialogue through specific questions.
- Reimburse the listening sessions at the approved parishes, with the stipulation that parents & caregivers must attend and participate with parish leadership to discuss challenges, needs, and ideas on how to be more involved as parents, as primary teachers of the faith.

Participating parishes will:

- **Have a designated parent-lead:** The parent-lead should be an advocate for all parents in the parish. They should help confirm that parents, grandparents, caregivers, and elders attend the session, provided that they will share their challenges, struggles, and ideas about cultural teachings unique to their community and demographics.
- **Have a designated parish or faith leader.** The parish leader should help confirm catechists, parish leaders, and other faith and religious education staff will be present for the session.
- Communicate and work with the diocese to submit reports of their listening session.
- Send their proposed project and budget to their diocese.

Guidelines and Expectations for all:

Phase 1: Listening Session

- Parish leaders and parent-leads will organize the listening sessions, procure a space, and purchase food/materials.
- Facilitator will travel to your community on the date that has been mutually agreed upon.
- Site leaders 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 listening sessions.
- Facilitator will provide a report of listening session, including ideas and priorities that are agreed on by both the parents and parish leaders as a result of this convening.

Phase 2: Implementation of Parish Projects

- Once these sessions have taken place, the parish leader and parent-lead will work together to create a project and a budget, based off the feedback.
- Site leaders should create the project with the guidance of their respective Facilitator, addressing any major questions as they go.
- Site leaders will submit their project and budget to the diocese.



- These projects will be eligible for implementation funds; select sites may receive up to \$15,000.
- Catholic Extension Society will review program outlines and 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

Each parish site must provide short stories, reports, and videos capturing how the new tools and resources developed with the input of parents and caregivers are being put into practice. In addition to this, all dioceses will provide standard grant reporting within our Grants portal.

At the end of the program in three years' time, Catholic Extension will convene a gathering of religious education leaders and all program participants (site leaders and others) at a national conference to discuss the learnings from this initiative. Dates to be announced.

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.

Diocesan Project Coordinator, First and Last Name

Signature and Date

Parent-Lead, First and Last Name

Signature and Date

Parish or Faith Leader, First and Last Name

Signature and Date