

Church of the Resurrection

2010-2011

Generations of Faith Description

Lifelong Faith Formation

for

A Parish Community

Mapping the Territory: Old Maps

- Sunday Christian Ed
- Advent and Lent Programs
- Sacramental Preparation
- Sunday Sermons



Mapping the Territory: Old Maps

- Entertainment centered
- Information centered
- Clergy leader centered
- Program centered



Old Parish Formation Model

One-eared Mickey Model

**Sunday
Christian
Ed.**

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Parish Community

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Recent Parish Formation Model

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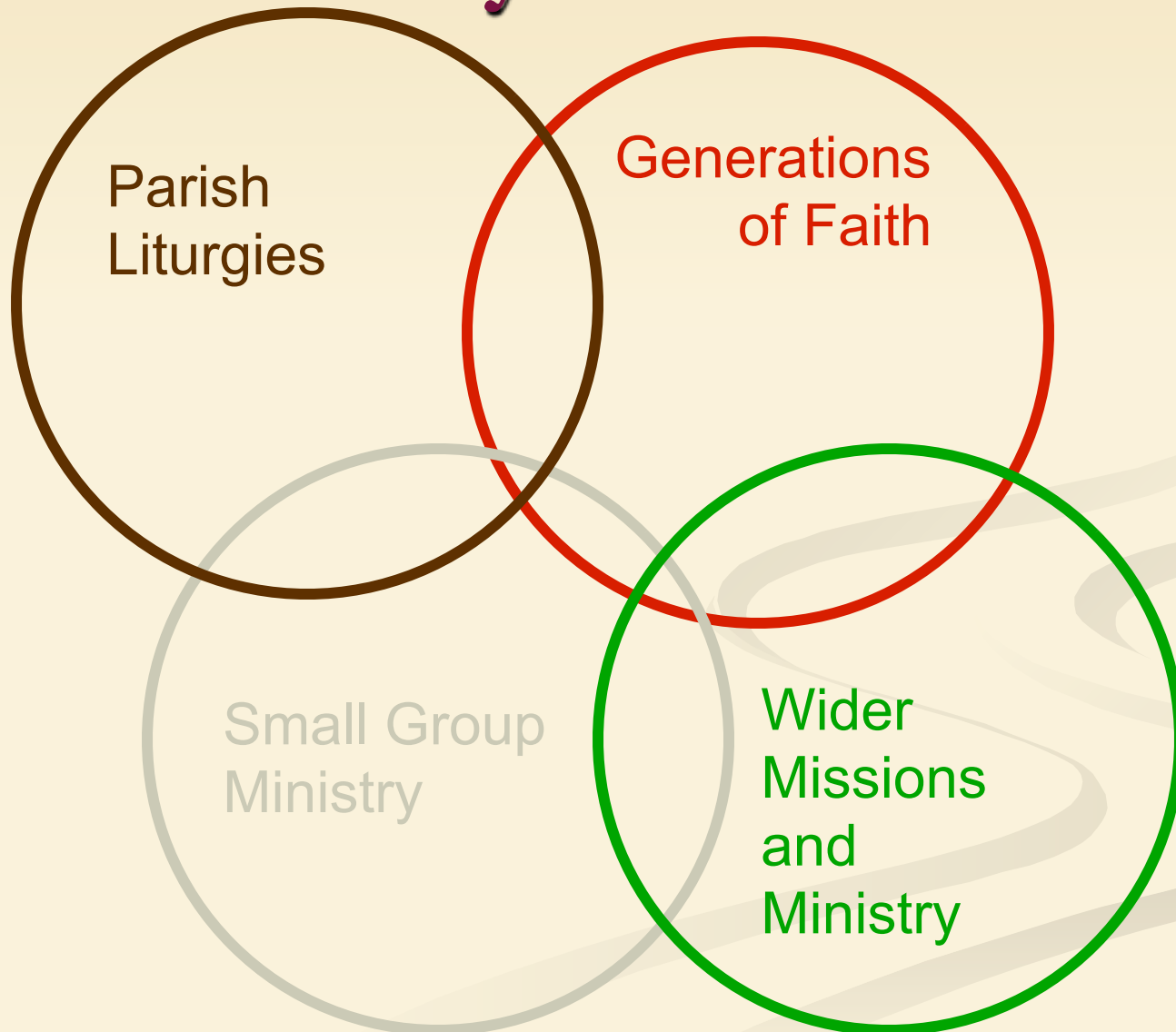
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Future Ministry Model



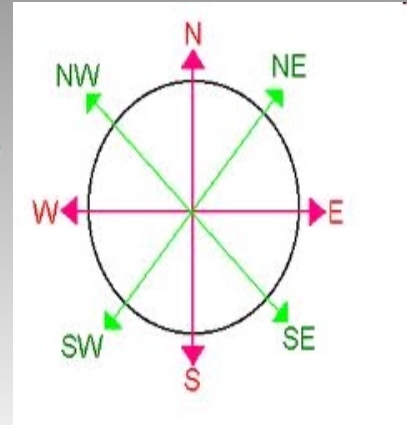
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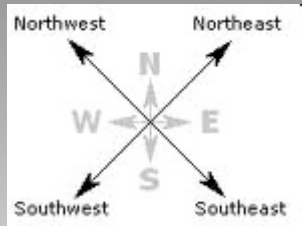
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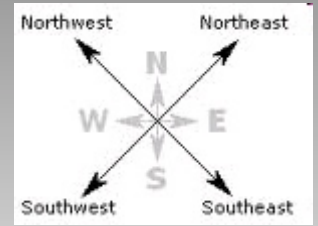
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Compass Points



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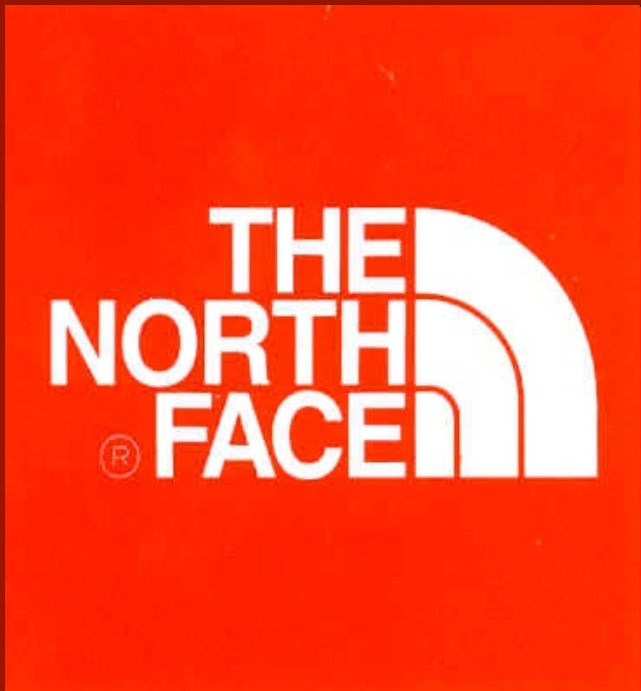
A New Map with Four Compass Points:

1. A Living Faith.
2. A Committed Learning Community.
3. A Comprehensive Framework...Parish life is the curriculum.

An Ancient Model

NORTH: A Living Faith

- Informs: nurtures people's minds and hearts with wisdom of the Catholic Faith
- Form: Shaping people's identity and lifestyle through Christian Discipleship.
- Transform: empower people to live their faith



SOUTH: A Committed Learning Community

- Every activity of Church Life is viewed as an opportunity for learning.
 - Prepares people for active, conscious, meaningful participation in liturgy and the Church year.
 - Reflects on the meaning and significance of their participation
 - Prepares people for the work of justice and service
 - Reflects on the connection between their actions and their faith
 - Contributes to a strong sense of community, a deepening of faith commitment and an increase in Anglican Christian devotion and practice.



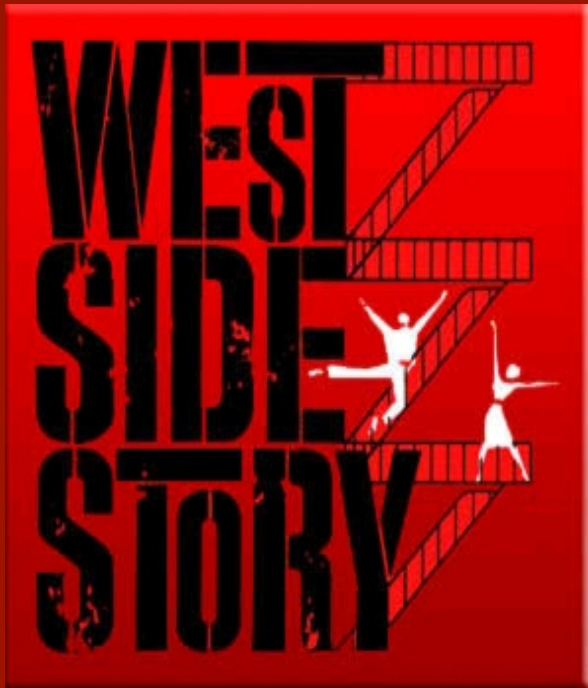
EAST: A Comprehensive Framework

- Promotes knowledge of Faith
- Liturgical education: teaches meaning of liturgy and sacraments
- Moral Formation: fosters conversion of life and values
- Teaches to Pray
- Education of community life: how we live our faith
- Missionary initiation: equipping the faithful to be present as Christians in society.



WEST: An Ancient Future Model of Catechizing Activity

- A faith approach of immersing people more deeply in the life of the church
- Learn by participating and experiencing
- Integrating practices into each person's life.



What It Looks Like

- Generations of Faith is fashioned around Church Life and Pastoral Events which forms a systematic cycle of continuous curriculum. This lifelong curriculum is formed from the Gospel message through six major content areas:

- Church year feasts and seasons
- Sacraments,
- Justice and service,
- Morality
- Prayer and Spirituality
- Creed



OUR

HOPE



**Better to light a candle than
to curse the darkness.**

CHINESE PROVERB

Parish Wide
Community
Centered
Catechesis emerges
us into the Beliefs
and practices for
Anglican Life and
provides
curriculum
centered on
foundations of the
Anglican
expression of the
catholic faith.

Fruits of the Tree

- Generations of Faith prepares people of all ages for participation in Church events and helps them reflect and apply the meaning of the event into their lives as Anglicans.
 - Preparation empowers people to participate completely in the event and then live out its meaning and significance.
 - Engaging in the event by actively participating transforms peoples lives and they learn.
 - Reflection helps people to share their experience and apply the meaning to their daily lives.



More Fruit

- Generations of Faith provides events-centered catechetical programs for all ages and generations in the parish community.
 - Builds Community
 - Generations share and learn from each other
 - Provides an environment where new ways of living one's faith can be practiced.
 - Provides faith role models
 - Promotes understanding and respect for all individuals in all stages and ages of life through shared values and a common faith.
 - Helps to overcome the age-segregated nature of Church programs.



How It Works?

ONE: Parish Wide Gatherings –

- *These bring bring together the entire COTR parish family together. It is one of the key components of faith formation at Resurrection along with Going Deeper and Expanding Horizons in Community Nights.*
- *It is a time for individuals and households to gather with their parish family to pray and learn together.*
- *Parish Family =Every Household(married, unmarried, with or without children, single, old, young, Anglican or non Anglican—all generations)*
- Each gathering includes a food. Fellowship prayer, and teaching on a chosen theme with break-out sessions for groups



How It Works??

- **TWO :Going Deeper**
- *Going Deeper is another component of faith formation at Resurrection.*
- *The purpose of these sessions done monthly or weekly on the local level is to provide another opportunity to clarify and reach a deeper understanding of themes for each month set forth in the Parish Wide Gatherings in a more informal setting.*
- *These sessions allow time for peer groups to reflect and enter into discussion on what they understand and experiencing through the materials and through the liturgical celebrations*



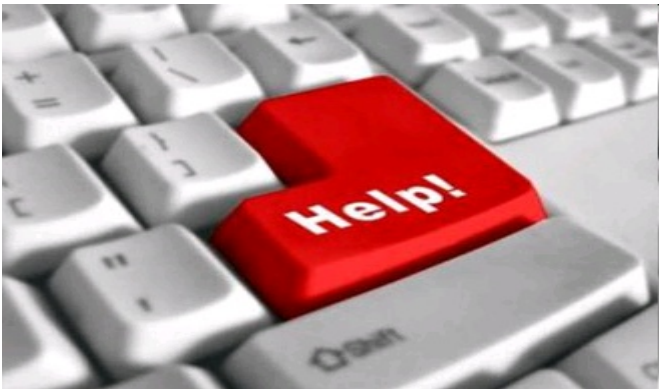
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- **THREE: Expanding Horizons**
- *Expanding Horizons is an important component of Generations of Faith as the learning opportunities come from Service Projects, Ecumenical Fellowships and Movie Nights which are presented as being central to our faith. Expanding Horizons are intended for all parishioners*

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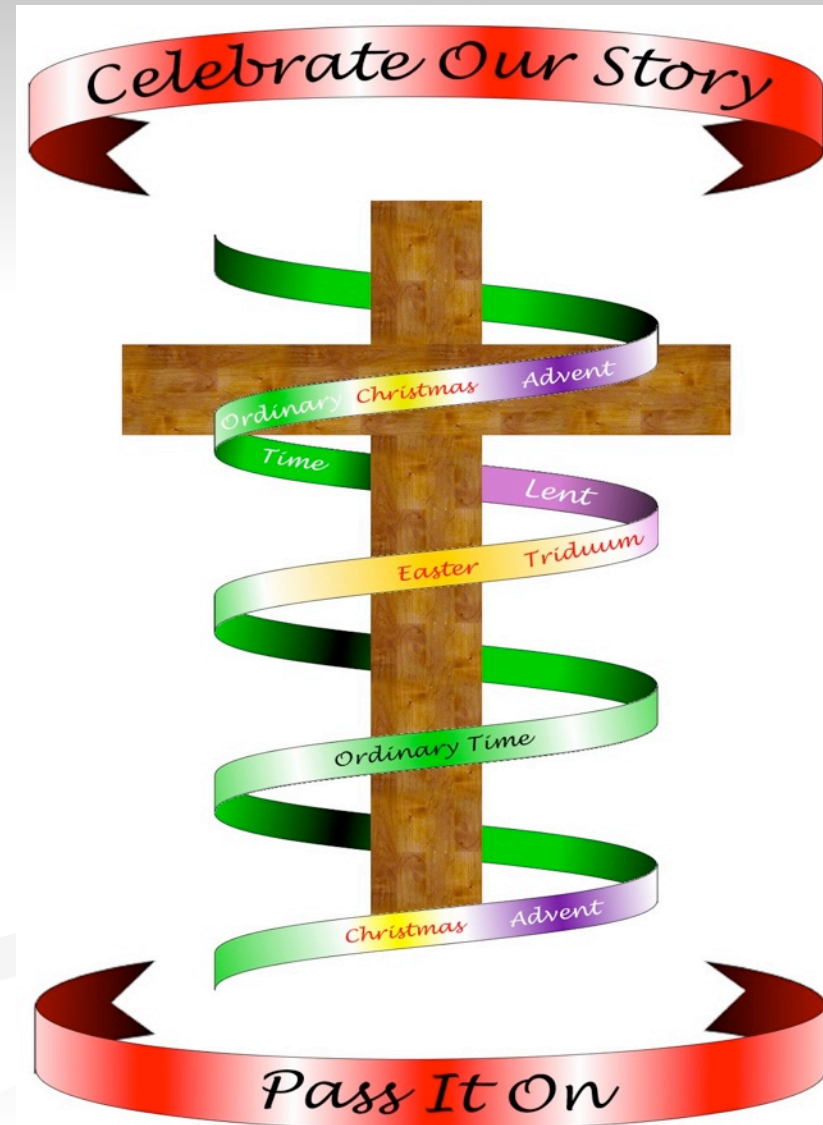
- **Additional Elements:**
 - Bulletin Calendar Design/Inserts each week
 - Family take home packets with projects to do at home.
 - Question of the week in the bulletin
 - Regularly updated web page for Faith Formation



COTR Begins A Six Year Formation Plan

- Year 1: Year of the Liturgical Cycle/ Feasts and Seasons
- Generation s of Faith
KICK OFF SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 3rd at 4:30 pm
- Let the Celebration Begin!

Celebrate Our Story-



A Triangle of Faith Formation

