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## STRENGTHENING FAITH FORMATION IN FAMILY LIFE



Dear Pastors and Catechetical Leaders.

“Family Catechesis provides parents with the support they need to live their faith. It includes catechizing the parents as well as their children. Family catechesis nurtures parents’ faith, bringing family members together to talk, listen and to discover God.” (Diocese of Ogdensburg, Family Catechesis Through the Seven Sacraments Document. P. 2)

The Eastern Regional Faith Formation Office is offering once again a family catechesis program for confirmation students and their families in the Adirondack Deanery. The program offers an opportunity for these families to celebrate Mass, and then join our Bishop for refreshments and a keynote address. The Bishop

address the role of parents as the first teachers of the faith and how they can assist in walking alongside their children as they prepare for the celebration of the sacrament. The Bishop also addresses the young people on how Confirmation is not a graduation, but a new beginning and a call to continue even more passionately their journey of faith.

As you see by the picture, this was a great success for it offered an opportunity for parents and their children to meet with our Bishop in a relaxed ‘family atmosphere’.

This year, we are offering this program in the Adirondack Deanery. The parish of St. Agnes in Lake Placid will be hosting this event. Bishop LaValley will be celebrating Mass beginning at 10:00am on Sunday, November 4th. The keynote address will follow in the gymnasium at St. Agnes School.

To register for this event, I ask either the Pastor or Catechetical Leader gather a list of those who will be attending and submit it to the Eastern Regional Office to [pballantine@rcdony.org](mailto:pballantine@rcdony.org) or [apage@rcdony.org](mailto:apage@rcdony.org) no later than October 14th so we can plan for refreshments. I would like to thank Fr. John Yonkovic and Marcia Bugbee, DRE for hosting and assisting our office for this event. I would like to add that any of the clergy or catechetical leaders are invited to attend if your schedule allows.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 518-310-3669. Thank you and have a blessed day.

Peace in Christ,

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