

Waterloo Catholic Faith Formation Commission
Revised Vision and Beliefs

Vision Statement

This is our vision for religious formation in the Waterloo parishes:

We will continue to work toward creating a dynamic Catholic community that empowers enthusiastic and life-long conversion to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We will provide effective, interactive, relational faith formation that respects and responds to the diversity of life experiences and equips people to live the Gospel, thus advancing the Kingdom of God.

Guided by the principles of justice and good stewardship, we will promote the equitable sharing of our resources so we continually grow as disciples of Christ.

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What We Believe

We believe that effective faith formation:

1. Instills hope and ongoing conversion to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.
2. Participates in the Church's mission of evangelization and engagement in the broader community.
3. Is faithful to the teachings and traditions of the Church and is rooted in the spirit and vision of the Second Vatican Council.
4. Celebrates the uniqueness of the spiritual and sacramental life of the Church, especially through the Eucharist.
5. Actively engages the hearts and minds of learners of all ages, abilities.
6. Is innovative, creative, interactive, relational and relevant to life experiences and changing needs.
7. Recognizes the developmental nature of faith and addresses the various stages or thresholds leading to discipleship.
8. Empowers parents to fulfill their responsibility as the First Heralds of Faith in the "Domestic Church."
9. Empowers Catholics to live their faith through leadership, service and acts of justice in the workplace, the neighborhood, the local and global community.
10. Recognizes the ethnic and cultural diversity of the Catholic community.
11. Affirms and values participants and potential participants, regardless of race, gender, age, ethnicity, developmental and physical abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, spiritual maturity, level of affiliation or participation, and diversity of theological viewpoints.
10. Is a shared mission of the Waterloo Catholic Community in welcoming and forming people into the Body of Christ.

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