

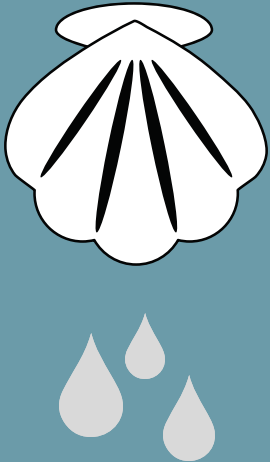
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Strengthening lifelong faith formation and renewing sacrament preparation

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- Celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation in the order in which they were originally experienced: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist

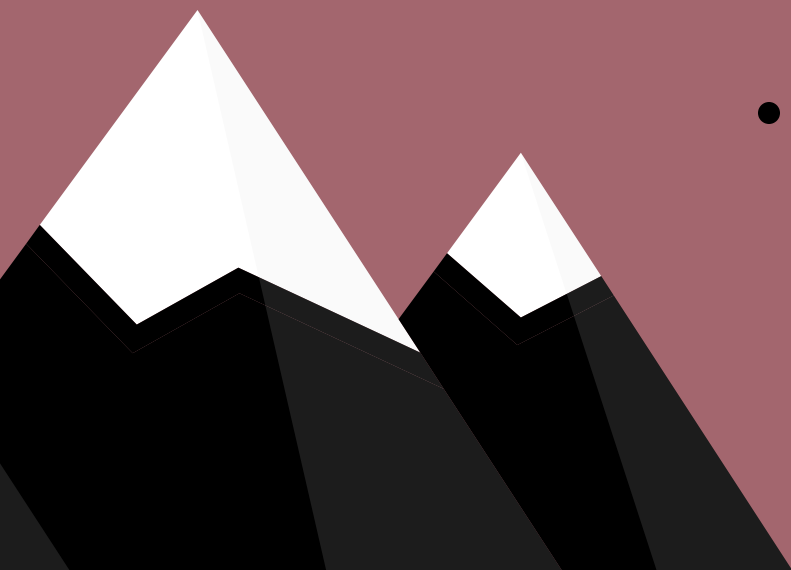
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- Nourishing the divine life of God himself given to us in Baptism and accompanying families on their lifelong journey of faith



Proclaim *the Hope that is Christ*

- Announcing the Good News of Christ in words and deeds and inviting all into a life of missionary discipleship



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- During the first five hundred years or so of the history of the Church, it was always the case that the sacraments of Christian initiation were celebrated in this sequence: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist.



- The Sacrament of Confirmation strengthens baptismal grace. It does not signify maturity or an adult commitment to the Church but imparts grace for living as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Placing Confirmation prior to the reception of First Eucharist makes it clear that Eucharist is the summit of Christian initiation. Receiving Eucharist regularly throughout our lives sustains us on our journey of faith.

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- Developing and deepening our relationship with the Trinity happens gradually and over time. Lifelong faith formation provides opportunities and experiences to grow as witnesses to our faith throughout the entire life span.
- Faith formation will be strengthened and continue for people of all ages and in all stages of life using a variety of models and settings within and beyond the parish, including classrooms, households, neighborhoods, and wherever people gather. (MT 18:20)
- God loves us from our first moment of life and for life without end. Recognizing God's love and presence in our daily lives enables us to better live the joy of the Gospel.



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- Before ascending into heaven, Jesus instructed His followers to make disciples of all nations. His instruction is intended for us as well. We are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all people. (MT 28:19-20)
- Because we are united to Christ in Baptism, we share in His mission to build the kingdom of God. We do this by ministering to the least of our brothers and sisters. (MT 25: 31-46)
- Pope Francis encourages us to be joyful and authentic as we share the Gospel with neighbors, strangers, and the whole world. "An evangelizer must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral! Let us recover and deepen our enthusiasm..." (The Joy of the Gospel, 10)