



REIMAGINING FAITH FORMATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY



Gratitude



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Outline



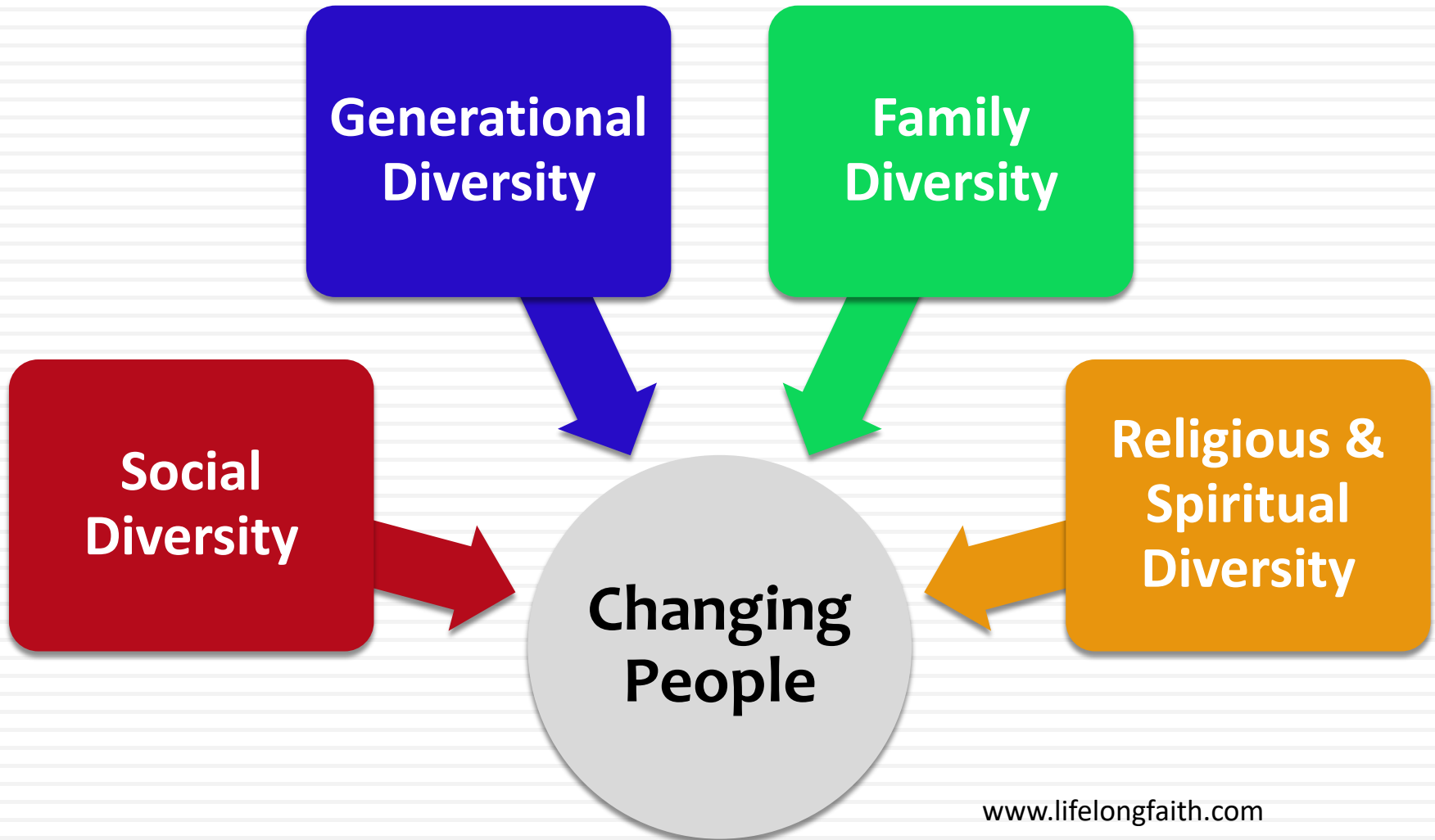
- Reimagining Faith Formation in the 21st Century
- Hybrid Faith Formation
- Curating Faith Formation
- Sketching A Digital Plan For Your Congregation

Challenges of Faith Formation Today=



- attendance dropping
- the new “regular” attendance is once a month
- Changing family situations
- stretched to find volunteers
- fill in the blank _____

Challenges We Face



Generational Diversity

iGeneration (2000 -)

Millennials (1980-99)

Generation X (1961-79)

Baby Boomers (1946-60)

Builders (pre 1946)

Generational Differences

- Relationship to Institutions
- Relationship to Authority
- Family Relationships
- Work-Life Balance
- Communication Style
- Technology Usage
- Learning Style
- Religious Expression
- Worship Style

Family Diversity

The 1950s Family



The 2010s Family

modern *family*



Religious Diversity

Receptive to Organized Religion

Scenario 4
Variable
Commitment
& Occasional
Participation

Scenario 1
Vibrant Faith
& Active
Engagement

Low Hunger &
Commitment to
Spiritual Life

High Hunger &
Commitment to
Spiritual Life

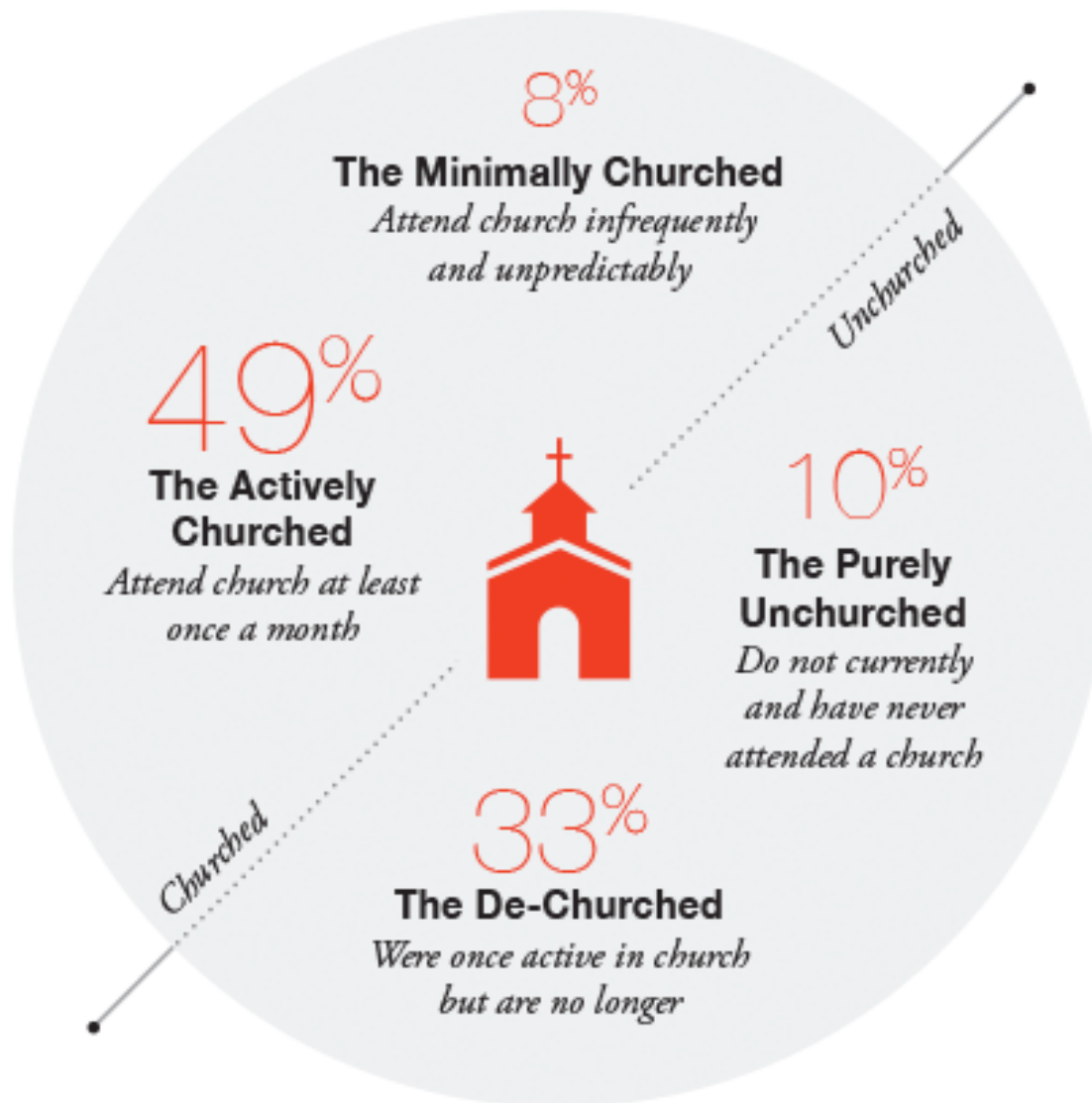
Scenario 3
Unaffiliated
&
Uninterested

Scenario 2
Spiritual but
Not Religious

Resistant to Organized Religion

Religious Diversity

- ★ 20% of Americans claim no religious affiliation
- ★ 32% of 18-29 year olds claim no religious affiliation
- ★ Americans do not become more affiliated as they age
- ★ Unaffiliated are not looking for a religion



Social Diversity

Then=Embedded

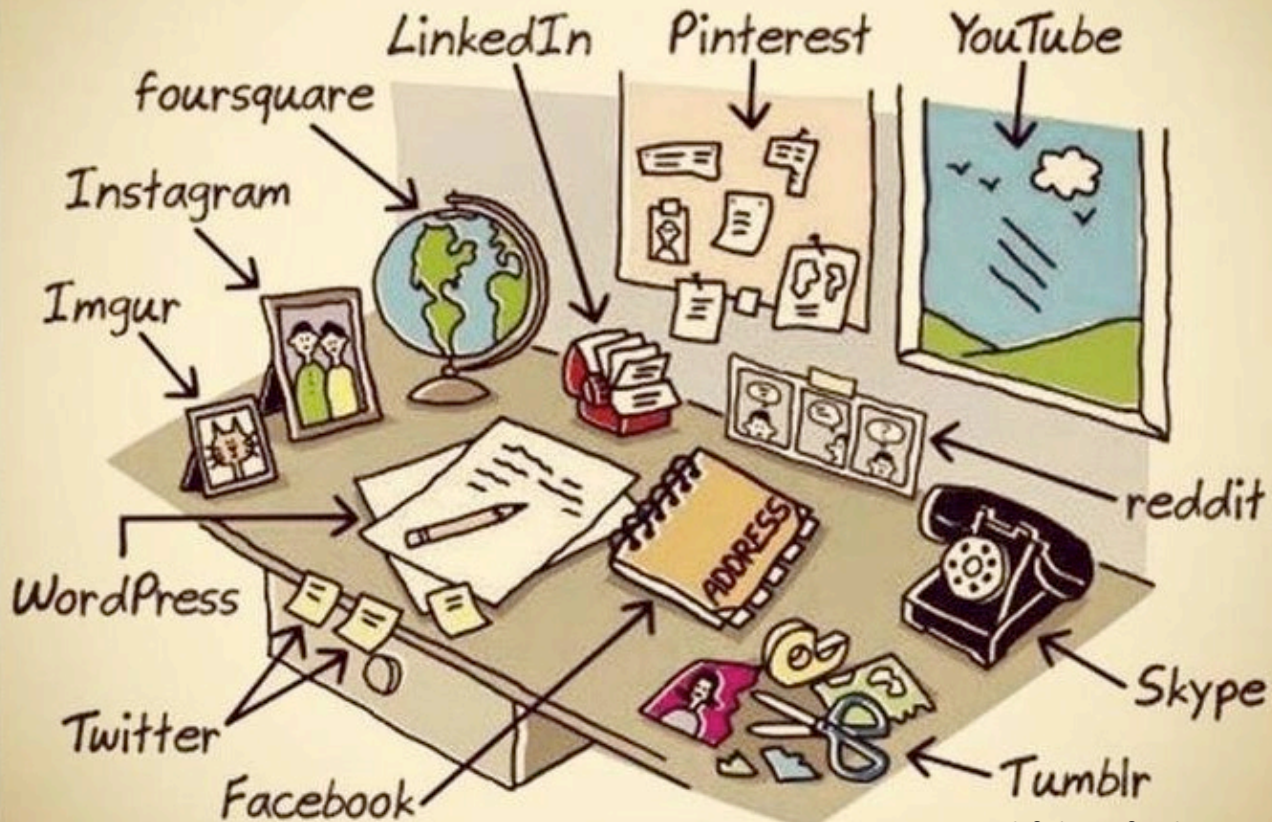


Now=Social Networks



Challenge: Digital World

the world before social media...



Mobile Technologies



Social Networking Tools

You Tube

facebook



Instagram



Linked in

flickr

Pinterest



tumblr.

twitter





SNS (social networking sites) enrich rather than diminish participation in face-to-face relationships

- <http://www.pewinternet.org/2011/06/16/social-networking-sites-and-our-lives/>
- Some key findings of the report focused on the dominant site, Facebook, where some 92% of social network users have a profile. Among a long list of findings, Pew researchers found that:
 - Facebook users are more trusting than non-SNS users.
 - Facebook users have more close relationships than non-SNS users.
 - Facebook users get more social support than non-SNS users.
 - Facebook revives “dormant” relationships that are lost to non-SNS Users

New Faith Formation Operating System

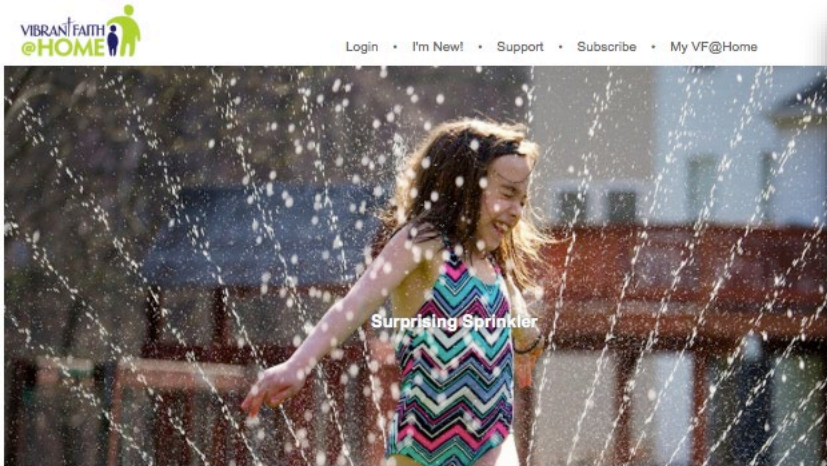
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New Operating System: Faith Formation Network

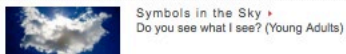
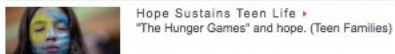
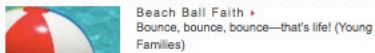


Faith Formation= Digital Content



Connect Life & Faith

Be intentional about discovering God's presence in your day-to-day living. These activities will help.



For Church Leaders



Subscribers to Vibrant Faith @ Home PLUS have access to a host of tools and resources that help them build in a strong summer connection, such as eSummer Faith Journey. Plus lots of other helpful stuff for ministry year round. Just \$99.

[Read more](#)

User Tip



JUST FOR PARENTS

JUST FOR KIDS

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

CELEBRATIONS/MILESTONES

BAPTISM

WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHTS

THE BIBLE

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

YOUNG ADULTS

ADULT FORMATION

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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POWER POINT PRESENTATIONS

YOUTH REFLECTIONS



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Matthew 13:33



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Reimagining Faith Formation



Lifelong & Lifewide

Intergenerational & Generational

Networked

Missional

Connected & Blended

Personalized

Curated

www.lifelongfaith.com

Network Programming

Blended Learning

Hybrid Faith Formation

- A wide variety of **diverse faith formation experiences, programs, activities, and resources** to match with people's diverse needs and tailored to their busy lives.
- Multiple ways to learn and grow
- Online/virtual & Gathered/physical
- Mobile - available **anytime & anywhere.**

Adaptive Challenges: Education



A shift from education to learning anywhere, anytime.

A shift from consumption of information to participatory learning.

A shift from institutions to networks.

St. Edward the Confessor 

CONFIRMATION

Be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit



Confirmation Registration is Taking Place Click to Register Now

Welcome to Confirmation

Confirmation is the sacrament in which you receive a deeper outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It completes what began in Baptism, giving you the gifts and tools needed to live out your whole life as a Catholic. Confirmation preparation is a 2 year process with monthly meetings, online work, service projects, retreats, and Insight participation.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT CONFIRMATION](#)

LEARNING PROGRAM SERVICE

login requirements projects



Confirmation 1

Calendar of Events

Today ◀ ▶

Sunday, September 22
5:00pm Homecoming Mass
Saturday, September 28
7:30am Confirmation 1 Retrea
Sunday, October 6
4:00pm Confirmation 1 Class
Sunday, October 27
4:00pm Confirmation 1 Safe

[Google Calendar](#)

Confirmation 2

Calendar of Events

Today ◀ ▶

Sunday, September 22
5:00pm Homecoming Mass
Sunday, October 20
4:00pm Confirmation 2 Class
Sunday, October 27
4:00pm Confirmation 2 - Safe
Sunday, November 17
4:00pm Confirmation 2 Class

[Google Calendar](#)

Insights

Calendar of Events

Today ◀ ▶

Sunday, September 22
5:00pm Homecoming Mass
Wednesday, September 25
7:00pm Insight
Wednesday, October 9
7:00pm Insight
Wednesday, October 16
7:00pm Insight


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Flipped Classroom

St. Edward the Confessor 

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Program Requirements

1) PARTICIPATE IN WEEKLY ONLINE LEARNING

- Complete weekly online lesson
- Participate in online small group discussions

2) ATTEND MONTHLY SUNDAY SESSIONS

- Sessions begin at 4:00 p.m. and end after the 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 1 Absence allowed

3) SERVICE PROJECTS

- Participate in 2 service projects per year (Service project opportunities will be available online or you can suggest one to us that you would like to participate in)
- Write one reflection per project completed online

4) ATTEND "INSIGHT" (YOUTH GROUP) MEETINGS

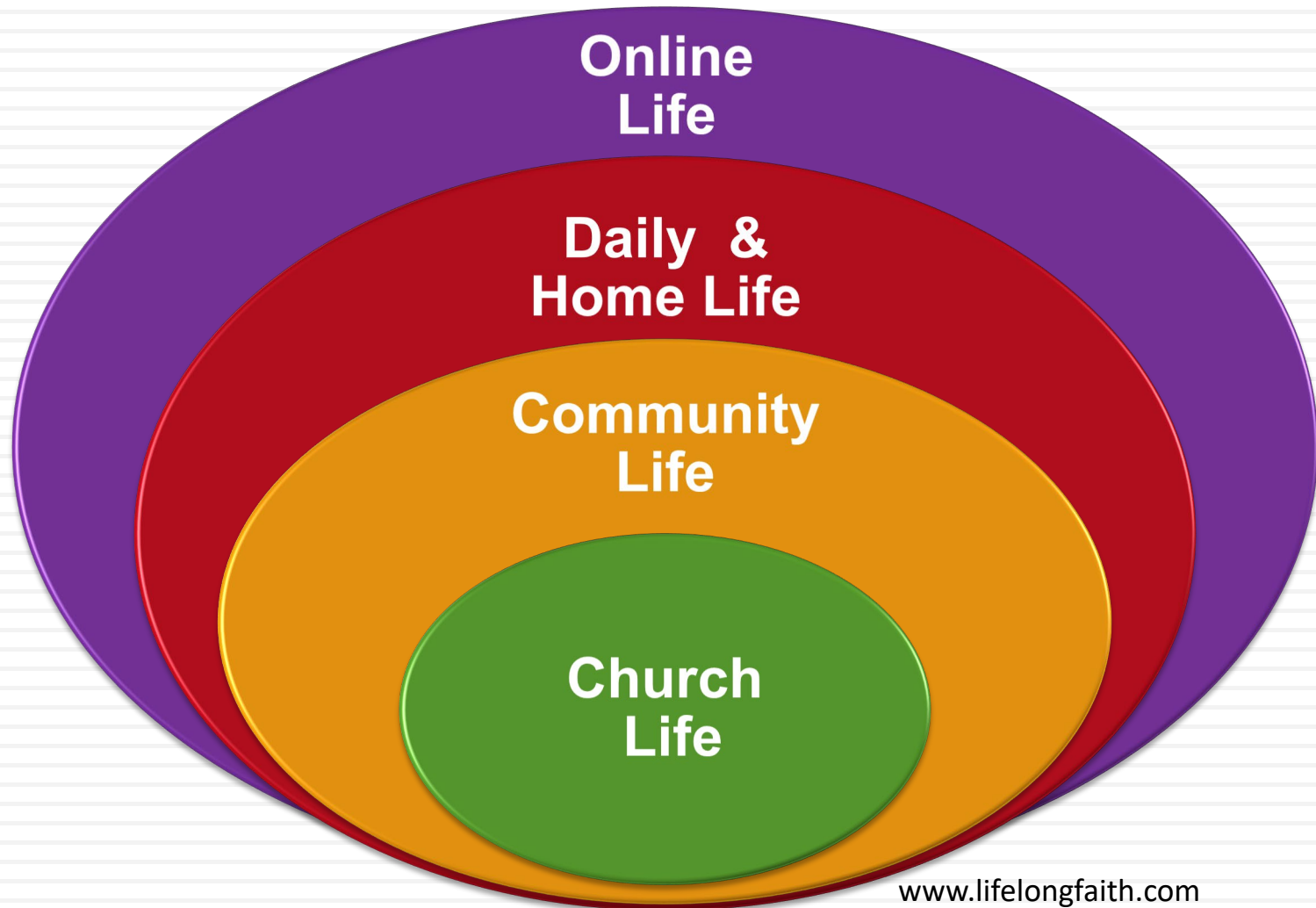
- Attend 2 *Insight* Youth Ministry Meetings, more is encouraged!
- *Insight* takes place Wednesday nights from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in Knight Hall (please reference online *Insight* calendar)

5) ATTEND A CONFIRMATION RETREAT EACH YEAR

- Confirmation I - One-day retreat with parent or proxy (September 28, 2013)
- Confirmation II – Overnight-weekend retreat (February 14-16 2014 or March 7-9, 2014)
- *** Registration for Confirmation II Retreat will begin online January 6, 2014

Flipped Classroom

Connected Faith Formation



Emerging Roles

Current Roles

- **Developing** religious content
- **Designing** programming
- **Managing** programming
- **Teaching/Facilitating** programming

Emerging Roles

- ***Designing*** learning environments—***architecture***
- ***Curating*** religious content and experiences

Curated Faith Formation



Curating Content & Experiences

1. Church Programs & Activities
2. Denominational Resources
3. Community Programs & Activities
4. People Resources
5. Print, Audio, Video Resources
6. Art, Drama, Music
7. Websites, Courses, Blogs
8. Apps & Digital Resources

How do I get rid of the fear?

Alas, this is the wrong question.

The only way to get rid of the fear is to stop doing things that might not work, to stop putting yourself out there, to stop doing work that matters.

No, the right question is, "How do I dance with the fear?"

Fear is not the enemy. Paralysis is the enemy.

(Seth Godin)