

Generations of Faith Evaluation

Program Year 2006-2007

Session Attended: **Sat AM 31 Sat PM 27 Sun AM 48 Sun PM 31** One didn't mark session - added it to Sun. PM.

137 Evaluations tabulated

If you are an adult, did you participate in the full 2½ hour experience? (Go to a learning session)

	Sat AM	Sat PM	Sun AM	Sun PM	Totals
Yes	22	16	24	20	82
No	0	2	7	1	10
No reply	9	9	17	10	45

Learning Groups attended by members of your family:

Preschool/Kindergarten	Grade 2	Elem. (1,3,4,5)	Middle (6,7,8)	High (9,10)	Confirmation	Adult
Sat AM 6	Sat AM 6	Sat AM 15	Sat AM 4	Sat AM 1	Sat AM 0	Sat AM 4
Sat PM 4	Sat PM 9	Sat PM 20	Sat PM 14	Sat PM 4	Sat PM 1	Sat PM 6
Sun AM 7	Sun AM 11	Sun AM 30	Sun AM 13	Sun AM 6	Sun AM 0	Sun AM 10
Sun PM 2	Sun PM 1	Sun PM 9	Sun PM 9	Sun PM 13	Sun PM 11	Sun PM 7

How many sessions was your family able to attend?

	1	2	3	4	5	6	No response
Sat AM	0	1	0	1	6	21	2
Sat PM	0	0	0	1	13	12	1
Sun AM	1	0	0	2	13	30	2
Sun PM	0	0	0	3	7	16	5
Totals	1	1	0	7	39	79	10

Please give us some feedback on your overall Generations of Faith experience. Circle the number that best reflects your opinion on a scale of 1-4.

1 = least favorite

4 = most valuable

Having 6 sessions

	1	2	3	4	No response
Sat AM	1	1	7	22	0
Sat PM	0	0	9	17	1
Sun AM	2	4	8	29	5
Sun PM	0	1	5	21	4
Totals	3	6	29	89	10

Offering 4 Different Time Options

	1	2	3	4	No response
Sat AM	1	0	3	27	0
Sat PM	0	1	1	25	0
Sun AM	0	2	4	41	1
Sun PM	1	0	6	23	1
Totals	2	3	14	116	2

Opening Experience

	1	2	3	4	No response
Sat AM	2	4	7	18	0
Sat PM	0	3	8	15	1
Sun AM	5	4	15	22	2
Sun PM	2	5	11	12	1
Totals	9	16	41	67	4

Closing Experience

	1	2	3	4	No response
Sat AM	6	4	5	16	0
Sat PM	3	4	9	9	2
Sun AM	6	2	21	17	2
Sun PM	2	6	12	10	1
Totals	17	16	47	52	5

Age Specific Learning Groups

	1	2	3	4	No response
Sat AM	1	0	7	23	0
Sat PM	1	3	9	13	1
Sun AM	3	3	14	24	4
Sun PM	0	4	7	19	1
Totals	5	10	37	79	6

Theme for the year

	1	2	3	4	No response
Sat AM	1	2	6	22	0
Sat PM	0	1	9	17	0
Sun AM	2	1	8	35	2
Sun PM	0	1	7	22	1
Totals	3	5	30	96	3

Were we effective in teaching the following lessons?

1. Overview of the Commandments - What Does God Want?	Yes		No		No response	
	Sat AM	26	Sat AM	0	Sat AM	5
	Sat PM	26	Sat PM	0	Sat PM	1
	Sun AM	45	Sun AM	3	Sun AM	0
	Sun PM	28	Sun PM	0	Sun PM	3
Totals		125		3		9

Comments

The info covered for children was adequate - I did not enjoy the adult learning - others in the group were not very welcoming.
The way that all of the commandments were explained (so that the kids actually understand what they mean) was very effective.
The overview was kid friendly.
It was a great job putting it to the level of the children. As a parent we were able to discuss them more than just when we were here.
It seemed like the lessons were dragged out a little. It could have been condensed.
For the most part the overall review at the end of session was a little hard for some of the younger kids.
Put commandments in a positive way.

Well repeated throughout the course.
The kids loved the skits.
I thought last year had more hands on activities to do as a family. This year did not.

Great hands-on activities.
First Communion did not get the opportunity to study these in detail.
I felt that the content and teachings were very functional to your everyday life - you were informed and the choice was yours to live.
Very creative! Good use of humor and true facts.

The different speakers and discussion groups help to make all the lessons more effective and relative.
Really enjoyed how you got everyone involved ex. Games & skits.
Yes, all sessions brought up issues - situations that we need to be reminded of and re-taught.
Adult instructor was marvelous - could listen to her speak for hours. Hope she returns next year.
Extremely well thought out and entertaining.
Good learning experience.

2. Commandments 1, 2, & 3- Putting God first

	Yes	No	No response
Sat AM	27	0	4
Sat PM	26	0	1
Sun AM	46	2	0
Sun PM	29	0	2
Totals	128	2	7

Comments

God's #1. Loved it!

3. Commandment 4 - Respect our Parents

	Yes	No	No response
Sat AM	27	0	4
Sat PM	26	0	1
Sun AM	45	3	0
Sun PM	29	0	2
Totals	127	3	7

Comments - None

4. Commandments 6 & 9 - Love is a Beautiful Gift

	Yes	No	No response
Sat AM	26	1	4
Sat PM	25	1	1
Sun AM	41	2	5
Sun PM	28	0	3
Totals	120	4	13

Comments

I didn't fully appreciate the guest speaker. Was his intended audience married couples or teenagers?

Did not like speaker for High School kids.

Powerful guest speaker.

5. Commandments 7, 8, & 10 - Love of Neighbor

	Yes	No	No response
Sat AM	26	1	4
Sat PM	25	0	2
Sun AM	44	3	1
Sun PM	28	0	3
Totals	123	4	10

Comments - None

6. Commandment 5 - All Life is Sacred

	Yes		No		No response	
	Sat AM	25	Sat AM	0	Sat AM	6
	Sat PM	24	Sat PM	1	Sat PM	2
	Sun AM	43	Sun AM	1	Sun AM	4
	Sun PM	29	Sun PM	0	Sun PM	2
Totals		121		2		14

Comments

Best session.

Felt High School topic should have been discussed with parents first.

Abortion was not mentioned.

A little watered down.

Excellent speaker.

Best class - guest speaker wonderful.

Did home kit materials provide good information to support the session topics for the various age levels?

	Yes	No	Sometimes	Yes/no	No response
Sat AM	29	0	1	1	0
Sat PM	19	3	0	0	5
Sun AM	36	4	0	0	8
Sun PM	26	2	0	0	3
Totals	110	9	1	1	16

What HOME KIT materials did your family appreciate and use?.

Nothing had value for us	Sat AM	0	Children's Worksheets	Sat AM	17
	Sat PM	1		Sat PM	14
	Sun AM	0		Sun AM	18
	Sun PM	2		Sun PM	10
	Totals	3			59
Prayer Table Tents	Sat AM	12	Teen/Adult Reading	Sat AM	8
	Sat PM	7		Sat PM	5
	Sun AM	8		Sun AM	10
	Sun PM	8		Sun PM	11
	Totals	35			34
Scripture Bookmark	Sat AM	8	Car Chat Cards	Sat AM	10
	Sat PM	3		Sat PM	5
	Sun AM	8		Sun AM	7
	Sun PM	10		Sun PM	7
	Totals	29			29

Prayer Materials	Sat AM	11	Children's Booklets	Sat AM	21
	Sat PM	15		Sat PM	11
	Sun AM	11		Sun AM	24
	Sun PM	16		Sun PM	10
Totals		53			66
Newsletter	Sat AM	11	Make-up work for lessons missed	Sat AM	6
	Sat PM	7		Sat PM	5
	Sun AM	8		Sun AM	5
	Sun PM	9		Sun PM	4
Totals		35			20
No Response	Sat AM	3			
	Sat PM	2			
	Sun AM	9			
	Sun PM	3			
Totals		17			

Comments:

Some of the worksheets were using different words than listed - The booklets work better.

Sometimes Home Kit materials were too easy. (Gr. 5 & 10)

Teen/Adult Readings were excellent.

Too much make-up work.

Unable to use home kit efficiently and consistently. (Pre/K & High School)

Make-up work important for the continuity at the very least.

A lot of juvenile material. (Middle & Confirmation)

As a result of Generations of Faith ...

Do you feel that you learned and grew in faith this year?

	Yes		No		No response	
	Sat AM	28	Sat AM	2	Sat AM	1
	Sat PM	22	Sat PM	4	Sat PM	1
	Sun AM	47	Sun AM	1	Sun AM	0
	Sun PM	29	Sun PM	2	Sun PM	0
Totals		126		9		2

Do you feel that your children learned and grew in faith?

	Yes		No		No response	
	Sat AM	25	Sat AM	2	Sat AM	4
	Sat PM	21	Sat PM	3	Sat PM	3

	Sun AM	42	Sun AM	6	Sun AM	0
	Sun PM	27	Sun PM	1	Sun PM	3
Totals		115		12		10

Have you found that you or your family has been talking more about faith topics?

	Yes		No		No response	
	Sat AM	26	Sat AM	3	Sat AM	2
	Sat PM	18	Sat PM	6	Sat PM	3
	Sun AM	31	Sun AM	16	Sun AM	1
	Sun PM	25	Sun PM	2	Sun PM	4
Totals		100		27		10

Was your family motivated to learn more about the topics presented in the Sessions?

	Yes		No		No response	
	Sat AM	22	Sat AM	5	Sat AM	4
	Sat PM	16	Sat PM	10	Sat PM	1
	Sun AM	28	Sun AM	19	Sun AM	1
	Sun PM	20	Sun PM	8	Sun PM	3
Totals		86		42		9

Was your family better prepared to participate in the event liturgies?

	Yes		No		No response	
	Sat AM	26	Sat AM	3	Sat AM	2
	Sat PM	19	Sat PM	6	Sat PM	2
	Sun AM	36	Sun AM	8	Sun AM	4
	Sun PM	25	Sun PM	6	Sun PM	0
Totals		106		23		8

Has your or your family's relationship with Jesus been strengthened?

	Yes		No		No response	
	Sat AM	27	Sat AM	2	Sat AM	2
	Sat PM	24	Sat PM	1	Sat PM	2
	Sun AM	36	Sun AM	10	Sun AM	2
	Sun PM	29	Sun PM	1	Sun PM	1
Totals		116		14		7

Does your family have a better understanding of the Ten Commandments?

	Yes	No	No response
Sat AM	29	1	1
Sat PM	25	0	2
Sun AM	44	4	0
Sun PM	29	1	1
Totals	127	6	4

Do you and your family feel more connected to the Church Community?

	Yes	No	No response
Sat AM	27	1	3
Sat PM	23	3	1
Sun AM	41	7	0
Sun PM	27	3	1
Totals	118	14	5

Did you or your family feel more compelled to attend any of the following Church events that you may not have attended in the past?

All Saints Day		Feast of Christ the King		Feast of the Holy Family		Holy Thursday Service	
Sat AM	4	Sat AM	3	Sat AM	3	Sat AM	5
Sat PM	6	Sat PM	4	Sat PM	4	Sat PM	5
Sun AM	9	Sun AM	5	Sun AM	9	Sun AM	12
Sun PM	6	Sun PM	5	Sun PM	6	Sun PM	8
Totals	25	Totals	17	Totals	22	Totals	30

Parish Mission

Sat AM	11
Sat PM	3
Sun AM	9
Sun PM	8
Totals	31

No response

Sat AM	11
Sat PM	16
Sun AM	22
Sun PM	13
Totals	62

Other

2 - Stations.

Did not attend mission. Attended most Church events.

2 - Good Friday

We attend Mass on Sat. evenings

2 - Always attend Holy Days.

We go when we can.

Tried to attend more of the mission.

Did you find catechists/facilitators to be knowledgeable and prepared?

	Yes	No	No response
Sat AM	29	Sat AM sometimes	Sat AM 2
Sat PM	23	Sat PM 0	Sat PM 4
Sun AM	43	Sun AM 1	Sun AM 4
Sun PM	27	Sun PM 0	Sun PM 4
Totals	122	1	14

Would you recommend this program to anyone?

	Absolutely	Not sure	Never	No response
Sat AM	28	Sat AM 3	Sat AM 0	Sat AM 0
Sat PM	20	Sat PM 2	Sat PM 2	Sat PM 3
Sun AM	37	Sun AM 6	Sun AM 2	Sun AM 2
Sun PM	23	Sun PM 5	Sun PM 0	Sun PM 4
Totals	108	16	4	9

What part(s) of the Generation of Faith experiences did you like the best this year?

- 6,1,6,2 Break out sessions also adult conversation.
- 4,1,1 The different station with activities kept the children's attention.
- 1,1 Mixed ages in the classes.
- 1, 8,3 The opening skits, interactive games etc.
- 2,4,2 Closing a valuable experience- involvement of Combining together to see what all levels did during their sessions
- 1,1 Brought out my faith more.
- 3,3,1,6 Guest speakers
- 1,2,4 Loved all of it!
- 1 First Communion prep - special
- 1 Including Lenten mission
- 1,3,5,3 Topic/Theme
- 1,1,4,2 Family event - learning together.
- 1 Stations of the Cross
- 1 I thought the kids really related to the last session.
- 1 Passport books were great.
- 1,1 Adult films.
- 1 In-depth elaboration of the 10 Commandments at a level that children could understand

No response

Sat PM	9
Sat PM	10
Sun AM	16
Sun PM	8
Total	43

What part(s) of the Generation of Faith experiences did you like the best this year? ...continued

- 1 Being with friends.
- 1 Children's books were helpful.
- 1 Parental involvement
- 1,1 Learning basics and application of faith.
- 1,1 The opportunity to teach our kids with the Home kits.
- 1 Teachers
- 1 The final session which brought it all together.
- 1 Various stories.
- 1 ...really enjoyed the Shroud of Turin presentation.
- 1 Church events

What part(s) of the Generation of Faith experience did you like least this year?

- 5,6,7 None
- 8,2 Lecture from the Dr. (6th Commandment) Found offensive and narrow minded.
- 1,2,2 The opening sessions is unnecessary.
- 1,1,2 The singing is corny and boring - the kids are not crazy about singing
- 1 Uncomfortable introducing myself to people
- 2,2,3 The closing session sometimes a lot when people seemed done.
- 1 I think we should sing an upbeat song and go.
- 1,1,1 Six is so few, but we realize more is impossible.
- 1,1,4 Elementary class was very large. Too large for effective participation & keeping kids' attention.
- 1 Some of the centers during the learning sessions were short.

- 1 The skits
- 1 Not enough hands-on activities.
- 1,2 Length - too long

No response

Sat PM	14
Sat PM	12
Sun AM	23
Sun PM	19
Total	68

What part(s) of the Generation of Faith experience did you like least this year?.....continued

- 4 Too many age groups in Elementary .
- 1 Too much information...not having weekly class - don't learn as much
- 1 Lack of weekly involvement
- 1 I prefer the old format.

- 1 Length - not much time or opportunity to discuss own news.
- 1 The film with the speaker who kept handling his glasses for no reason was distracting.
- 1 Not enough room on the evaluation, Would like to say more (seems very enthusiastic)
- 1 I would be more comfortable with recommending if the beginning and ending were shortened.
- 1 Not enough sessions, too condensed.

The greatest value to our family in attending Generations of Faith is:

2,1	It helped our children to see others learning about our religion & talking more about Jesus - asking more questions.	No response	
		Sat PM	9
10,17,18,6	The family experience, being together -stretching the learning into our home afterward.	Sat PM	12
2, 1,6	We all have the same context. Sparking discussions at home.	Sun AM	19
1	Connection to liturgy.	Sun PM	10
2	Kids starting to understand scripture and Mass.	Total	50
1	Our kids love the songs.		
1,3,2,1	The practical aspect - applying to everyday life.		
2,4,5,5	Learning about our faith		
1	The breakout session is good and all that is needed.		
1,2	Brought us together with prayer.		
1	Everything		
1	Because the schedule fit into our family routine, we believe we could fully participate and gain maximum benefits from Generations.		
1	Godspell music		

The greatest value to our family in attending Generations of Faith is:...continued

- 1,3 Being with community & other parish families.
- 1 My husband who did not attend church regularly - this program got him more involved.
- 1 I know what my child is learning.
- 4 Sharing our faith with our community who want to be committed to their faith
- 1 Introduction to God for my children.
- 1 To love God and to be good to all God's people.

What, if anything, would you recommend that we do differently to improve upon the Generations of Faith Program?

- 1 Just remember that some teens might be struggling with their sexual identity.
- 1 Some families have members that may not be heterosexual and the kids are hearing that is wrong. I don't think it (sexual orientation) should be part of CCD.
- 1,4 I really wish this was more like a classroom type education like I had when I was younger. Has more structure that way and more engaging for the children.
- 2 I do wish the home kit had less paper in it, but I thank you for providing a basket to return unused items.
- 1,1 Shorten the opening - too much information about lesson to be learned is being shared. Almost a let down for adults.
- 6,,2,5,1 Nothing - Excellent - Keep up the good work!
- 1 Sometimes it feels rushed. Try to pack too much information in opening and closing that should be covered in the classroom.
- 1 My son really enjoyed the learning group time. He did not like the opening and closing sessions.
- 1 If there is a way to get the little kids more involved it might make it more fun for them.
- 1 Do closing session in each classroom.
- 1 It would be great to have more for adults while the children are in class. I know adult classes are available, but it is not realistic to supervise a child during their session and then attend as an adult at a later session.

1 Other songs the kids can relate to.

No response

Sat AM 17
Sat PM 14
Sun AM 17
Sun PM 15
Total 63

What, if anything, would you recommend that we do differently to improve upon the Generations of Faith Program?

...continued

- 3,3 Shorten it. Limit it to 2 hours. Rather come an extra time.
- 4,1 Smaller subgroups How about Gr. 1 & 3 and 4 & 5?
- 2 More basics of the Catholic faith & foundation,
- 1 Better First Communion music - less events in March and more events in April
- 1 One or two specific homework projects/discussions that need to be done and reported on.
- 1 Elementary kids lose attention after 1 hour...maybe we could change the format just for those kids.
- 1 Community tasks during weekly sessions. Visiting of sick, attend mass in the home of someone unable to get out. Watch television service with them.
- 1 Where is Father Vern?
- 1 More speakers for adults.
- 1 More First Communion prep between the six sessions.
- 1 Home kit states "return materials" but there is nothing to return - they are all conversations and games

- 1 More church for G of F families.
- 1 More games.
- 1 Change to 5 - 3 hr classes instead.
- 1 Give readings ahead of time for discussion - High school and adults.
- 1 Maybe a slideshow of the season attendees throughout the year - serious thinking - having fun etc.
- 1 Bring more variety to the lessons & presentations especially to the teens to keep them interested.
- 1 Always have a speaker for teens. Every session someone new who knows how to get through to them.
- 1 Liked how the young people were incorporated into our last adult session.

Is there something in your personal faith life, or your family's faith life that happened as a result of Generations of Faith that you would like to share?

- 1 My son after coming here and joining the Boy Scouts is starting to try to make friends,
- 1 My daughter is asking questions about Jesus.
- 1 We attended mission week and Stations of the Cross.
- 1 Went to parochial school - K-college. I have valued these sessions and been able to question and share beliefs and had mistaken knowledge fixed.

Is there something in your personal faith life, or your family's faith life that happened as a result of Generations of Faith that you would like to share? ...continued

- 1 Become more involved in church activities.
- 1 Told others about family Generations of Faith.
- 1 Enjoyed time with others.
- 1 Shared faith with others.
- 1 A baseball glove was left in a park. I thought my son would take it, but he said it wasn't his and left it on the bench.

1	Don't seem to hear so much complaining about attending CCD.	No response	
1	I have more respect for the Ten Commandments.		Sat AM 24
			Sat PM 25
1	No		Sun AM 38
1	Being closer to God.		Sun PM 23
1	It continues to intertwine us as a family of faith which is good.		Total 110
1	More peace and harmony in our family.		
1	I was able to apply the Commandment to everyday life with my children,		
1	My children are asking more questions about faith and God & Church		
1	My daughter and I are talking to my wife about being baptized and attending Generations of Faith herself.		
1	Makes me a better role model at my job - working with young adults.		
1	Going to church.		
1	It seems like "Jesus & God" are referred to more. There are many more discussions about the "MORAL" thing to do. I feel my children internalize this more than just Sunday Mass.		
1	I am more patient. Try to be more appreciative - try to share this experience with my sister. Helping my children to lean on their faith more.		
1	It helped my children know what God wants from them and that God loves them.		
1	Closeness with my daughter.		
1	I'm speaking to someone who would like to come back to the church and I discuss what I learned at each session. She said she may like to join next year.		

COMMENTS about the program year:

1,2,4,3	I appreciate all the work that went into this.	No response	
1,3,1	Excellent topic for all.		Sat AM 19
1, 1	Great review for us older folks.		Sat PM 18
1	Nice job of coordinating topics with real life.		Sun AM 21
1	All the teachers for Grade 1, Sat AM were so nice & we enjoyed listening to them.		Sun PM 18
1	N/A		Total 76
1	I hope the town we move to has this program.		
1,2,3,4	Successful, enjoyable - faith formation was wonderful.		
1	Nice to learn together as adults.		
1	Please use nonsexist terms i.e., police officer not policeman		
1,7,2	Excellent! Keep up the good work.		
1	Abortion should be taught by parents not CCD.		
1,1,1	The program was very fulfilling and helped us learn more about our faith.		
1	I wish the pyramid could be placed on the wall of the Church.		
1	I appreciate the reconciliation services for each of the individual grade levels.		

- 1, 1 Good to involve the kids/teens in acting.
- 1 I like the guitarist
- 1 This was our first and we thought it was a great experience and very informative.
- 1 We were required to hear the marriage speaker. Some children were upset that the parents could not stay with them.
- 1, 1 Could have shortened lessons to add other things such as Bible passages.
- 1 The fifth graders are bored with such young children in the group.

- 1 Teachers are well prepared.
- 2 1st Communion program did not seem well organized. Dates kept changing.
- 2 Starts late/out late. If coming back in afternoon for 1st Communion it gives little time to go home for lunch & return.
- 1 Not really connected to whole parish wants.
- 1 More speakers.
- 1 Son did not like coming and I had to force him Has ADD & large sessions don't take into consideration special needs.

COMMENTS about the program year:...continued

- 1 Separate 1st grade program
- 1 I e-mailed Dr. Diggs and he never responded to my inquiries.
- 1 Need parents with students (High school)
- 1 Learn more prayers by memory - maybe homework.
- 1 Continue the Moses comedy routine.
- 1 It takes a lot of energy and planning and its all worth it! You're getting through.
- 1 I was upset for the children whose parents are divorced the night of the speaker in the auditorium.

What topics might you like us to consider for study next year?

- 2,2 The Old Testament of the Bible.
- 1,2,2 Specifics about all the parts of the Mass - Why do we do all we do & what does it mean?
- 1 I feel that this monthly family approach is nothing more than an attempt to save the Church money.
- 1 CCD should be structured like a school.
- 1,1 Explore toxic world - TV, language - bullying related to God's plan
- 4,1,2 More about Jesus' miracles/ his life etc.
- 1 The Mystery of the Trinity
- 1 Beatitudes
- 1 Works of Mercy

- 1 Adam and Eve - How God created the earth.

- 1 More on the 10 Commandments.
- 1,1 Sacraments & Holy Days - purpose and events
- 1 Focus on Women in scripture for high school students.
- 1,1 Life living experiences things that teens and adults can learn from.

No response

Sat AM	23
Sat PM	22
Sun AM	34
Sun PM	20
Total	99

What topics might you like us to consider for study next year?...continued

- 1 How to pray - was to commune/feel close to God
- 1 The rosary and the Mysteries..
- 2 Social justice -missionary efforts - almsgiving - outreach
- 2 Continue to relate religious issues to everyday life and make them relevant - especially to teens.
- 1 Subjects for teens - Drugs, Drinking, Driving - No means no - Reputations/How cruel gossip can be -
The video about the miracles of the Eucharist should be shown every year.

Thank you for working so hard to make this program the huge success it is! We are moving.