

ONGOING FORMATION

Section 2 of the Pastoral Plan
of the Archdiocese of
Johannesburg



FAITH FORMATION



- Aimed at nourishing in spirituality
- Return to simple evangelical message in the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles
- Bringing about intimacy with Jesus and knowledge of the Father
- Relevant to daily life of Christian Living



LITURGICAL FORMATION



- Faithful in parishes to be instructed in the renewal contained in G.I.R.M. & P.I.O.M.:
 - The General Instruction on the Roman Missal
 - Pastoral Instruction on the Order of the Mass
- Education on the RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
 - Importance of all Catholics becoming involved in this programme
 - Role of sponsor as one who accompanies and follows up after initiation



LITURGICAL FORMATION



- Children's liturgy to be encouraged
- RCIA to continue after sacramental initiation to produce Catholics with conviction and not of convenience
- Confirmation to be treated as part of RCIA
- Homilies on today's topical issues
- Bishop to encourage Catholics to take note of Holydays of Obligation and take a day's leave



CATECHESIS

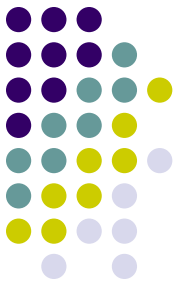


- Priests/parishes to promote family catechesis
- Adult catechesis – shared faith study
- Linked to RCIA stages of formation
- Catering for those in inter-faith marriages, single parents and for those who will only gain a limited understanding [SPRED]
- More active and effective use of LUMKO



BIBLE SHARING

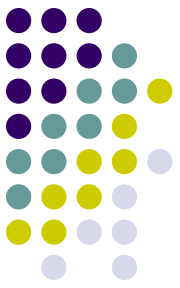
Lectio Divina



- To be practiced in local Small Christian Communities / 'blocks' / zones / neighbourhoods
- Each home to have a Bible
- Youth to have their own Bible sharing
- Bible sharing to be done also in the family



AREAS OF SPECIAL CONCERN



- Formation of Small Christian Communities
- Catholic Schools to emphasise faith (audit)
- Vocations promotion, explanation and examples of vocations
- Support of marriages [MARFAM]
- Awareness of Catholic Social Teaching
- Traditional African Practices and relationship to Catholic teaching

Pro-Life & SEXUALITY



- Promotion of Pro-Life Movement
 - More vocal in the sphere of civil society
- Theology of the Body to be made available in all parishes
- Education on Sexuality



EVALUATION RECOMMENDED



- Effectiveness of resource centres/ departments
- Audit of Catholic Schools as tools of evangelisation & catechesis
- Utilisation of catholic media by parishes
- Present policy of marriage preparation



TRAINING



- Identify training needed for Sodalities
- Make effective use of existing programmes
 - BOSCO / Good Shepherd etc