

*The most current research on children and faith cannot be clearer: **parents** have the most influence!*

**For years parish priests and ministerial staffs have been asking  
for more help regarding the faith formation of PARENTS  
YOU'VE BEEN HEARD - so here's a new, cutting edge,  
TOTALLY PARISH-BASED APPROACH THAT ANSWERS THAT NEED**

*From the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry:*

**Strong Catholic Families**



**Strong Catholic Youth**

*Youth Ministry, Religious Education and Life & Family have teamed up to bring parishes this new offering. Together, we'll work with parishes & parents to form a partnership - through religious education & faith formation programs, youth ministry, & the family life ministries of our Diocese*

**Interested?** Attend these two intro sessions coming to the Diocese of Providence this **November 2010**. Registration is now being accepted for these dates:

**Wednesday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>: PARENTS NIGHT** – Parent and Parish Leaders Session, 7:00 to 9:00pm, at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Hall, 1081 Mineral Spring Avenue, North Providence. PLEASE NOTE: *Seating is limited. For the first 20 parishes to sign up, you may bring up to 10 parents per parish. First come, first serve. After initial 200 parents are registered, only parish leadership staff may attend from ANY parish. Free of charge.*

**Thursday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>: PARISH LEADERS SESSIONS (CHOICE of a morning or evening session)**

- **Morning session** – 9:00 am to 12 noon, Emmaus Youth Center, 25 Metropolitan Park Drive, Riverside.
- **Evening session** – 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Emmaus Youth Center, 25 Metropolitan Park Drive, Riverside.

PLEASE NOTE: *Parish Sessions are \$20 per person – to a maximum total of only a \$75 charge per parish; this includes all materials.* All Parish Leaders invited: Pastors, Associates, Deacons, Catechetical & Youth Ministry leaders, etc

**Our Presenter: Dr. Sean Reynolds,**

**Director of the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Archdiocese of Cincinnati**

With over 30 years of youth ministry experience, Sean holds a Doctor of Ministry degree. He was instrumental in creating *Strong Catholic Families* – *Strong Catholic Youth* & has worked with several pilot dioceses. Sean is a frequent presenter at national conferences, including the 2008 National Symposium on Adolescent Catechesis. He is the author of *Multiply the Ministry*, St. Mary's Press.

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More info at the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry website, [www.nfcym.org](http://www.nfcym.org).

## **More about the NFCYM's Strong Catholic Families - Strong Catholic Youth**

### **Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth IS...**

A **strategic process** designed to equip parish leaders in **empowering and supporting parents** in leading their children and teens toward a vibrant faith that embraces discipleship. This process provides an excellent perspective of empowering parents and families that can be incorporated into *all* of parish life, particularly:

- sacramental preparation
- adult and child faith formation
- all parish ministries



### **WHY Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth in the Diocese of Providence?**

Simple: to answer the request of parishes - to help them more successfully engage and support parents in passing on our Catholic faith.

### **WHAT does Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth offer parishes & parents? Learn to...**

- Communicate the reality of current religious beliefs, attitudes and activities of teens today using contemporary research which highlights the critical impact of the parents' faith, beliefs and actions on that of their children/teens.
- Examine the level of partnership between parents, school and faith formation programs
- Listen to parents' hopes, needs and concerns concerning the faith formation of their children/teens and how the parish/school can support them in their efforts.
- Create opportunities to seek new ways to begin forming children and teens in their Catholic faith.
- Illustrate practical ideas, strategies and resources for family faith growth
- Assist parents in assessing individual and family faith needs by a family faith formation plan designed to lead them to deeper faith growth and involvement.

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### **TO REGISTER PLEASE:**

Call 278-4626, email [YouthMinistry@DioceseofProvidence.org](mailto:YouthMinistry@DioceseofProvidence.org) or complete and return the information below to: OCYM, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903 at your earliest convenience. Once received, directions and materials will be sent to all registered participants. Registration deadline is Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**Main Contact Person/Parish:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Number attending: Parent's night: Parents:\*** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parish leaders:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent's night – no charge and no names needed for registration.

One or more parent/guardian welcome up to a maximum of 10 parents per parish.

**Total Number attending: Parish Leader's Sessions:** 9am-12pm \_\_\_\_\_ 6:30-9:30pm \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20 per person but NO MORE than \$75 per parish, regardless of # attending)

Name/Title/E-mail address of parish leaders attending any session:

- 1.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.) \_\_\_\_\_

We look forward to seeing you in November & together finding out more about **Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth!**