



Celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation in their Proper
Order & Implementing Comprehensive Youth Ministry

A Listening Session

“Let us
Pray”





**Baptism
Confirmation
Holy Communion**

BACKGROUND

Listening...

- To the witness of Sacred Scripture and Tradition**
- To the rationale and plan for celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation in their Proper Order and developing Comprehensive Youth Ministry in our parishes**
- To the experience of all involved for the best ways to implement the above goals, practical suggestions, and legitimate concerns**

Historical Rationale

- First 500 years
- Middle Ages
- 1910, Pope Pius X, *Quam Singulari*
- Vatican I
- Vatican II
- Recent Church Teachings



Theological Rationale

- ▷ What is a sacrament?
- ▷ Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist
- ▷ The Holy Spirit is received first in Baptism
- ▷ Confirmation is a “sealing” and “strengthening” of the Spirit given in Baptism
- ▷ Confirmation: Not a sacrament of “my choosing God” but of God choosing me
- ▷ Eucharist, not Confirmation, is the summit and completion of initiation



Pastoral Rationale

Spiritual maturity is not the same as physical maturity

- ▶ **The Church has already decided that children, at the age of reason, are mature enough to receive Confirmation and Eucharist (RCIA)**
- ▶ **The baptized need the sanctifying grace of Confirmation earlier, not later in life**
- ▶ **A free, unmerited gift of God (Confirmation) should never be treated as a reward or something earned because of attendance and work in a parish catechetical program**
- ▶ **Sacraments should never be used as a means to keep someone involved in the life of the Church.**



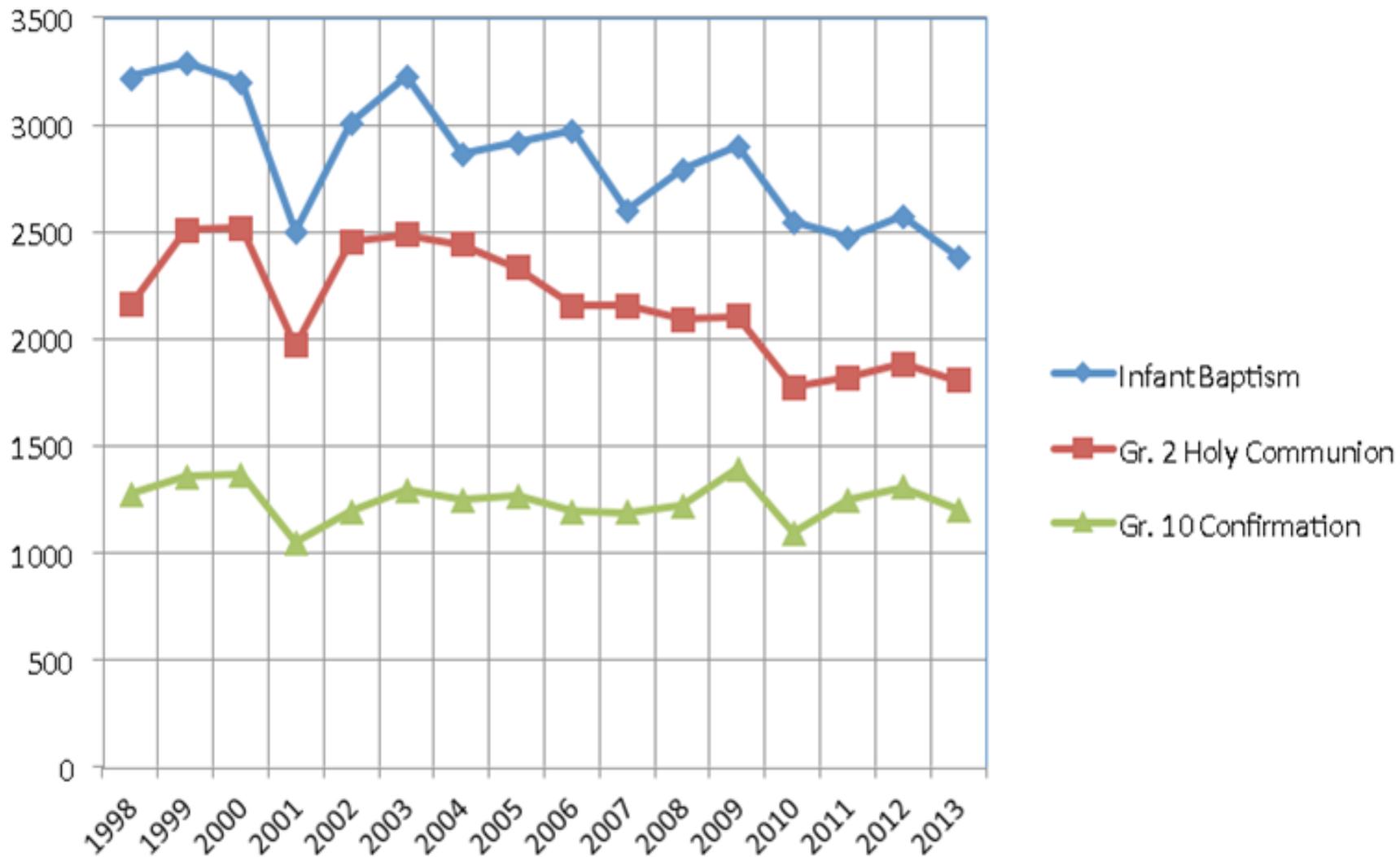
Why Change?

▷ **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI: "I have desired this."**

▷ ***(To Bishop Aquila of Fargo at his ad limina visit in Rome, March 2012).***



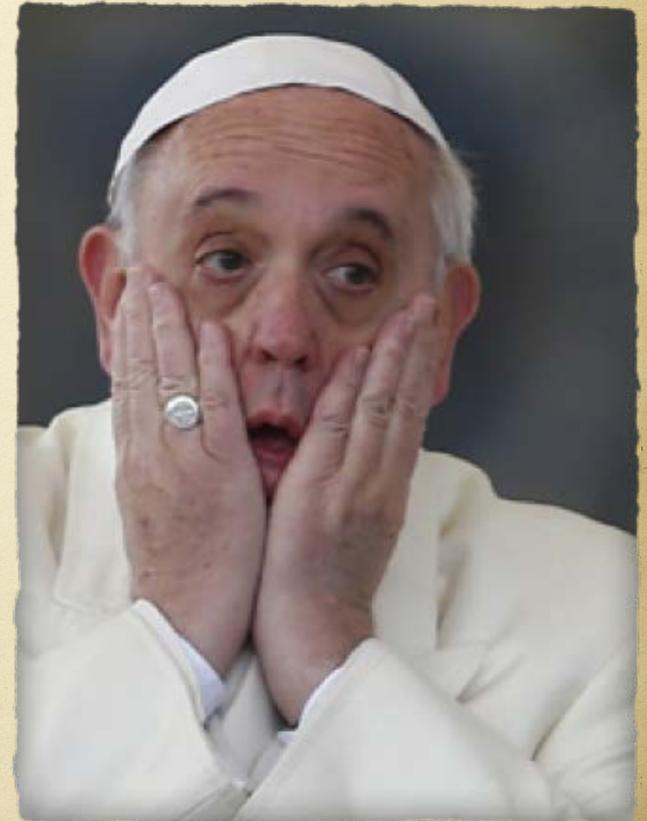
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Why Change?

► **Pope Francis:** "There was this experience: the sacrament of Confirmation - what is this sacrament called? Confirmation. No! Its name has changed: the 'sacrament of farewell.' They do this and then they leave the Church. Is this true or not? Many young people move off after receiving Confirmation, the sacrament of farewell, of goodbye, as I said. It is an experience of failure, an experience that leaves emptiness and discourages us. Is this true or not? "

► *(Meeting with Young People in Cagliari, September 22, 2013)*

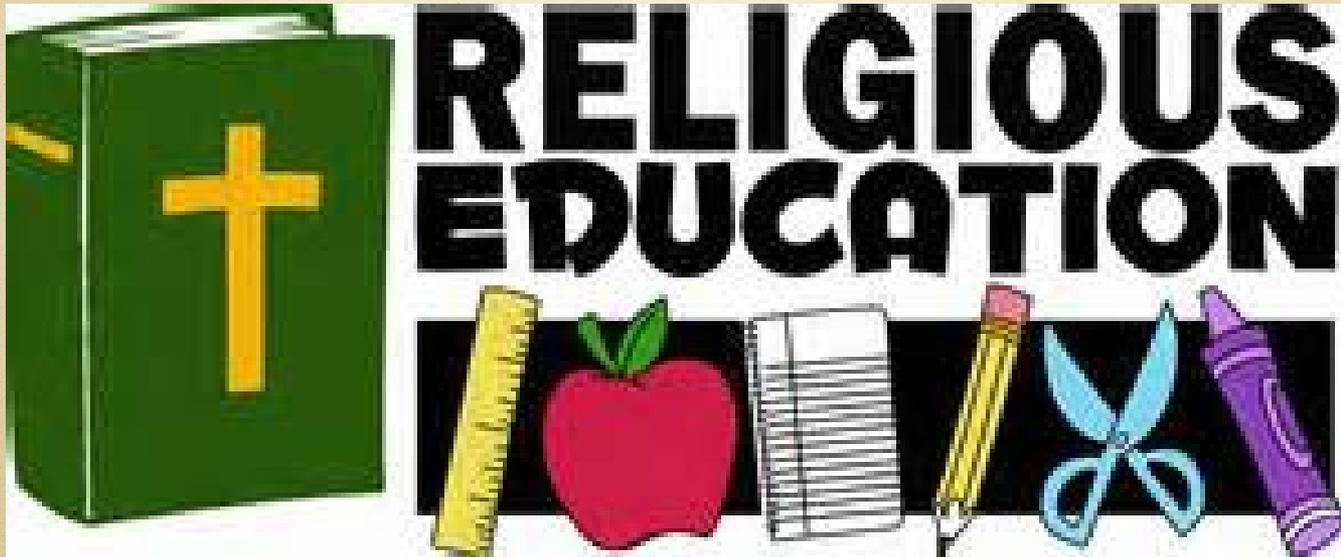


What Will This Look Like?

- ▷ Not entirely new for us
 - ▷ **Cathedral Basilica restored order over 15+ years**
- ▷ **Confirmation/Eucharist preparation begins as the child reaches the age of reason.**
- ▷ **Young people continue their faith formation in family-centered religious education programs and comprehensive youth ministry**



Religious Education



Baptism and Ministering to Families with infants and toddlers



Essential Teachings and the Sacraments



Stewardship and Families: Nurturing the Domestic Church

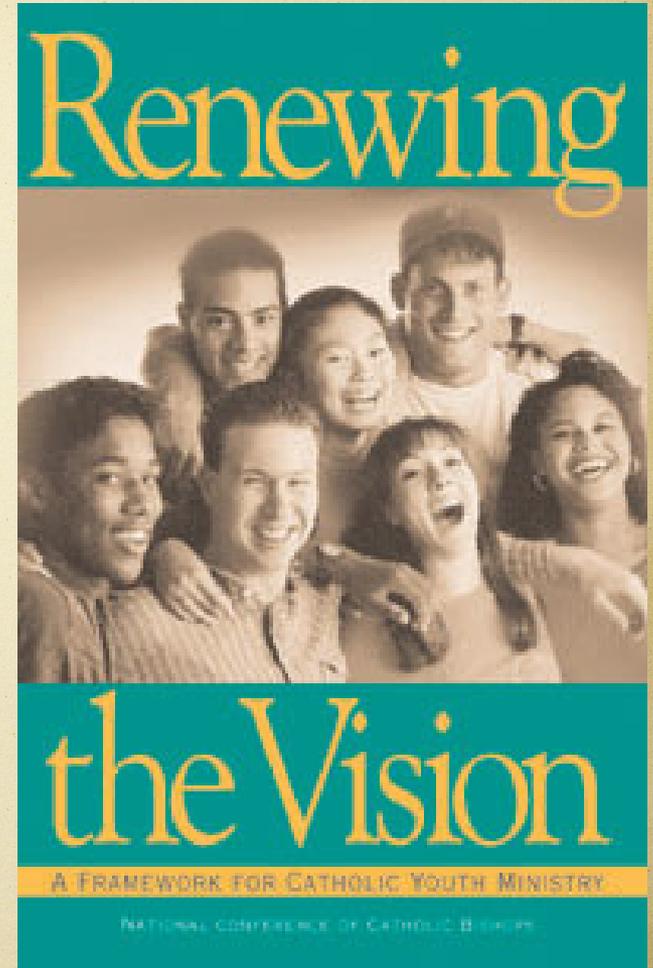


Comprehensive Youth Ministry



Comprehensive Youth Ministry Requirement

- Confirmation programs transition to **Comprehensive Youth Ministry** that helps young people to be genuine disciples of the Lord.
- Implement Comprehensive Youth Ministry in all parishes as defined in the USCCB document:
 - “Renewing the Vision”***:
<http://www.usccb.org/about/laity-marriage-family-life-and-youth/young-adults/renewing-the-vision.cfm>



Goals of Comprehensive Youth Ministry

Goal 1: To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.

Goal 2: To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.

Goal 3: To foster the total persona and spiritual growth of each young person.

transition

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Transition Timetable

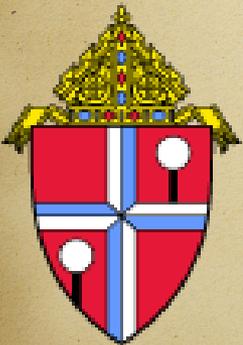
	Group 1 - 2016 - 2017 Group 2 - 2017 – 2018 Group 3 - 2018 - 2019	Group 1 - 2017- 2018 Group 2 - 2018 – 2019 Group 3 - 2019 - 2020	Group 1 - 2018 – 2019 Group 2 - 2019 – 2020 Group 3 - 2020 - 2021
<p>Parishes around the diocese will be divided in <u>three groups/clusters</u> throughout the transition period.</p> <p>The entire diocese will be normative by the Catechetical Year of 2020-2021.</p>	1 st Year Preparation	2 nd Year Preparation	NORMATIVE
	Grade 1 Parents involvement	Grade 1 Parents involvement	Grade 1 Parents Involvement
	Grade 2 Holy Communion	Grade 2 Confirmation/Holy Communion	Grade 2 Confirmation/Holy Communion
	Grades 3-5 No changes	Grades 3-5 Confirmation	Grades 3-5 Mystagogy / Family Catechists
	Grades 6-8 No changes	Grades 6-8 CYM / Confirmation	Grades 6-8 CYM
	Grades 9-12	Grades 9-12	Grades 9-12 CYM
	YEAR 1 Confirmation Classes	CYM – Receive Confirmation	Special Confirmation Class Grades 3-Adult = Confirmation
	YEAR 2 Receive Confirmation	YEAR 2 Receive Confirmation	

**Every good
conversation
starts with
good listening.**

What is next?

- Visit our www.catholichawaii.org website for more updated information.
- GET INVOLVED!

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SUSTAIN”**



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