

“Resources from Randy”

Updates in Adult and Family Ministry

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- ✓ ***Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us***
A Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States
USCC, 1999, \$5.95
- ✓ ***Leader’s Guide to Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us***
USCC, 2000 (Includes the Pastoral Plan), \$8.95

In many parishes adult formation shows up as almost an afterthought on the priority list, and as a small item in the parish budget. At last, a wonderful document articulates what those in catechetical formation have long sensed: the need for “...a catechesis that nurtures a profound, lifelong conversion of the whole person and sets forth a comprehensive, contemporary synthesis of the faith,...” (OHWB, no.4) In ***Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us*** the U.S. bishops call for “...a renewed commitment to adult faith formation, positioning it at the heart of our catechetical vision and practice.” (OHWB, no.6) Their plan sets out specific goals and principles of adult formation as well as concrete approaches for implementation.

“Great document, but what do I do with it? How can I start working with it at my parish?”

Here’s help: The ***Leader’s Guide to Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us*** is now available. It details a model of three sessions developed for use with parish councils, Christian formation committees, parish staffs, etc. to read, discuss, and begin to implement the plan. The guide provides prayer services, worksheet-type handouts, charts, and presentation notes. Each session has several components and can be adapted to your local needs. This is a **very practical tool** to help parishes take this important document to heart.

A limited supply of both documents are available by contacting me, otherwise they can be ordered directly from the United States Catholic Conference at 800-235-8722.