

Re-Imagining Discipleship in Stratford



Central to our vision of renewal in our Church, is to help each baptized individual in our Diocese develop a deeper personal relationship with God. We will do this through forming opportunities for discipleship, and creating tangible ways to accompany every member of the Church in their faith journey.

The pastors of Stratford, alongside Bishop Caggiano, are launching an **innovative program for the communities of Stratford to work together as parishes to create programs for faith formation for all age levels**, from children to young adults and seniors. This pilot will allow parishes to share resources, improve the effectiveness of ministry and improve efficiency in the community.

The Seton Collaborative is a new nonprofit corporation that will change the paradigm of school and parish operations. By providing transformative operational support to schools, parishes, and related entities, the Collaborative will promote and support academic excellence and spiritual growth. The Collaborative will drive this transformational change by proactively identifying opportunities for improving efficiencies; standardizing and automating processes; sharing innovative ideas and best practices; developing staff; and leveraging economies of scale.

- + Organizes comprehensive formation for **couples in Stratford getting married** in the Catholic Church, working to assure that they connect to their local faith communities before and after marriage;
- + Facilitates **RCIA** processes, ensuring those entering the Church are welcomed and remain connected to their local parish through opportunities of stewardship and outreach;
- + Revitalize **ministry to young adults** (ages 18-35) in Stratford in order to bring young adults back into the Church;
- + Hold **formation opportunities for adults of all generations** in Stratford parishes, giving everyone the opportunity to learn more about what we believe;
- + Establishes **parent-specific formation opportunities** within Stratford parish communities to better equip parents to share and pass on the faith;
- + Provides **parent formation workshops** for parents whose children are being formed for their **first confession and Holy Communion**;
- + Coordinate and directs **faith formation** for students, their parents and their sponsors preparing for receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation** and for their faith journey after Confirmation;
- + Provides **family formation, outreach and service opportunities** at participating parishes.

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