

# TRAIN, TEACH, PRACTICE

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**“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.”  
— Proverbs 22:6**

King Solomon, the writer of the book of Proverbs, writes, “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.” [Proverbs 22: 6] We know that **“training up a child” is the primary responsibility of the parents.** As Fathers and Mothers are gifted with children, they are also given the primary responsibility to bring their children up in the Christian Faith. They bring the child to the waters of Holy Baptism where God gives that child saving faith, forgives the child’s sins and gives the assurances of life with Christ eternally.



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## Teaching the Christian Faith



Teaching the Christian Faith means that Dad and Mom and all the family pray together. They regularly gather in worship. **The key to learning at any age is repetition.** The children are in Sunday School while the parents are in Bible Study. Remember the key to learning at any age is repetition.

The parents teach the Christian faith and practice it at home. Reading God’s Word together as a family, singing hymns and daily devotions become the norm, because repetition is key in the reading, marking, learning and inwardly digesting this faith given in Holy Baptism.

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## Reinforced in the Church

Raising children, youth, young adults and everyone else up in the Christian Faith is also the responsibility of the Church. Sunday School teaches all the wonderful accounts from God's Word and reinforces what Dad, Mom and the family does at home.

Confirmation teaches and reinforces what this Christian confession of faith means and how it is lived out as they have learned it at home. Youth Group teaches and reinforces God's promises when so many things in their lives and world are changing.

As young adults, newly married and new parents, God's Word is central in this new generation of faithful Baptized Saints, who will carry on the training.



The Psalmist reminds parents and churches what we are to do! **“Tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that He has done”.** [Psalm 78:4]

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## Forming Future Christian Leaders

Training children in the Christian home and having that same message of faith reinforced in their congregation also builds up future church volunteers, leaders and future Church workers.

There is strong emphasis in our Church now to encourage people to consider vocations in Church Work. That's great, and it is working! We should always be encouraging that.



Not only do we need pastors, Directors of Christian Education (DCE), deaconesses and Lutheran school teachers, we also need strong Christian friends who can point their struggling friend to the hope and forgiveness we have in Christ Jesus.

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We need teachers in the Church and men and women to lead the Church. This starts in the home and is reinforced in the Church. Society now more than ever needs solid, bold, well taught Christian workers in all vocations.



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## **A Hope the World Does Not Know**

Dear Saints, train, teach, practice the saving Christian faith given to you in your Baptism which connected you to the cross and grave and empty tomb of Jesus Christ.

**We have a hope the world outside of Christ does not know.**



**We have a peace that the world outside of Christ always searches for and never finds.**

We have, by God's grace and mercy, salvation and hope and peace with God. This starts in the home and is reinforced in the Church.

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**Rejoicing in faithful teaching and training,**

**President Sturzenbecher**