

BreakThru

From Catechism to *Christ*

INTRODUCTION TO FAITH WEBBING

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Begin by watching this video introduction to Faith Webbing from Assistant to the Bishop, Gary Pecuch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pb26LMYSTwM>

You may remember from orientation that one of the really exciting things about confirmation at Epiphany is this awesome, messy, crazy, fun, relational thing called Faith Webbing. Basically, it is one of our primary goals during confirmation that as you enter into high school at the end of this piece of your faith journey you are totally entangled in a web of relationships with faith heroes, mentors, and friends who encourage you to grow in your relationship with Jesus.

These relationships will draw you closer to God and keep you tightly connected with the church. As you are surrounded by caring adults, positive role models of all ages, and people who are living out their faith, you will become entangled in a web of relationships.

The beauty of this is that everyone's faith web will be unique as each young person is surrounded by a different set of caring people. The more relationships, the bigger the web, the tighter the connection with God and the church family.

START YOUR FAITH WEB

Use whatever means you would like to begin designing your own faith web (poster board, a piece of card stock, paper and markers, etc.). Begin identifying adults, peers, and younger kids who play an important role in your faith journey. These can be displayed however you want on your Faith Web.

Aim to come up with people in each of five categories:

1. *Older Wiser Lutherans (OWLs)* – people who are your grandparents' age or older
2. *Spiritual Parents and Mentors (SPAMs)* – people who are your parents'/aunts & uncles' ages
3. *Young Adult Mentors (YAMs)* – think high school, college age, and young adults
4. *Peers* – people roughly the same age as you
5. *Timothys (TimBits)* – those younger than you to whom you are reaching out in faith

Your **Faith Web** will be an ongoing project that will grow with you throughout the course of your confirmation journey. Your **Faith Web** will be as unique as you are! Don't feel like it has to be full right now—some of you may have no trouble coming up with names today, for others of you we are going to be sure during the course of the next few years to intentionally connect you with people who can fill your web.



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SHARE STORIES

Take some time to talk with your parent(s) about people who have played an important role in their faith journey. Who were those people? How did they initially get connected with them? What made those people significant?

CREATE A PLAN

As you look at your faith web, where are some of the gaps? Where would you like to have some more significant relationships? Do you need more spiritual grandparents? Are there people who are looking up to you in your faith? Use the space below to write three ways you can help fill those gaps. For example, if you can't think of many people in the TimBits category, maybe you should consider volunteering for Vacation Bible School or Kids Growing in Faith. If you need more people in the OWLs category, maybe serving in the pantry would be a place where you could build some of those relationships.

Make your list in the space below.



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