

Adult Faith is a *living, explicit and fruitful* confession of faith.

Living faith is:

- ◆ Searching faith---it seeks understanding
- ◆ Conscious and aware of the power and hold of sin
- ◆ Longs for the fulfillment of eternal life

Living faith is maintained by:

- ◆ Active participation in the liturgy
- ◆ Frequent reading of the Word of God, sacred writings of our tradition, and the official documents of the Church
- ◆ Involvement in the community life and mission of the Church
- ◆ Personal prayer
- ◆ Participation in the works of justice and service to the poor
- ◆ The fulfillment of our human obligations in family and society through the active practice of love for God and neighbor.

Explicit faith is:

- ◆ Rooted in a personal relationship with Jesus lived in Christian community
- ◆ Connected to the life, teaching and mission of the Church
- ◆ Open to the action and power of God's Spirit

Fruitful faith:

- ◆ Bears the fruit of justice and compassion through outreach to those in need
- ◆ Bears the fruit of evangelization

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