



FIRST WITNESSES

An ICF Initiative

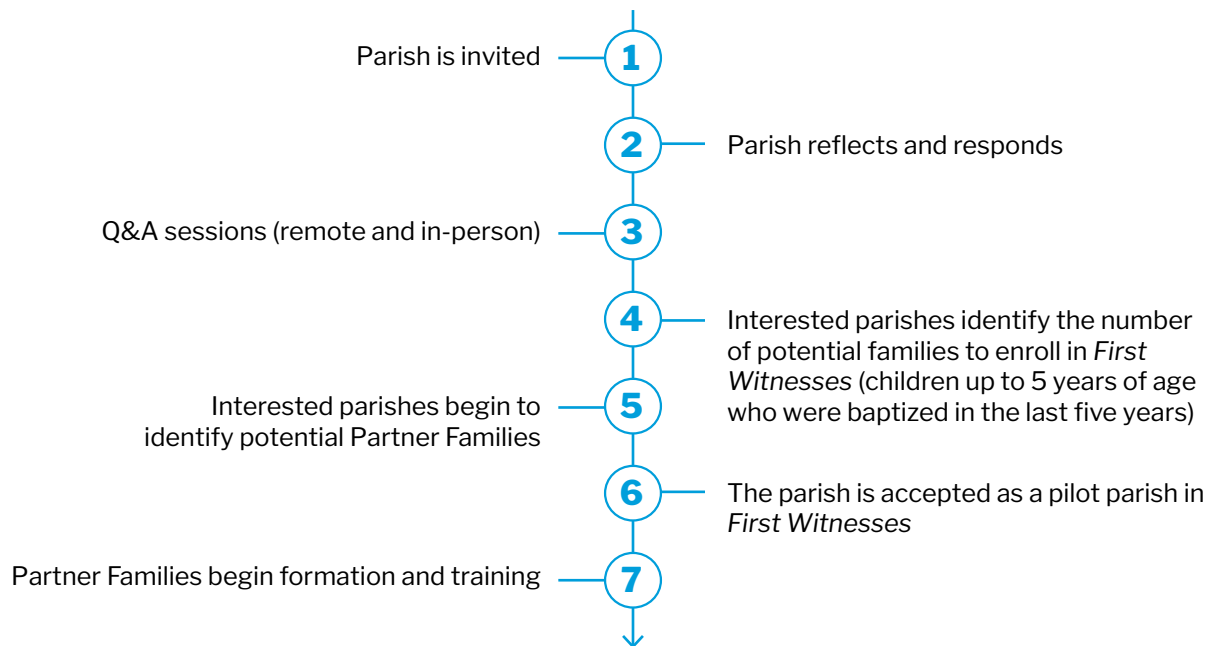
FOR THE PARTNER FAMILIES:

What are the expectations?

1. To accompany up to four families through outreach once every six months for up to five years (a total of 10 times). The families who enroll in *First Witnesses* will have at least one child who has been baptized within the last five years.
2. Outreach will consist of meeting the families at their homes or other locations to offer support, advice on raising children in the Catholic faith, and practical tips for building up habits of faith within typical daily routines.
3. Throughout the accompaniment, Partner Families will also provide up to seven gifts to the families to promote a Catholic culture in the home.
4. To send each family that you are accompanying a provided card and note of encouragement on the anniversary of the child's baptism.
5. Partner Families will participate in initial training on what it means to accompany another family and on practical communication skills for developing a supportive relationship.
6. Partner Family adults will be VIRTUS compliant.
7. Partner Families will participate in periodic formation through LEAD and/or during in-person gatherings twice a year.
8. Partner Families will be invited to attend a diocese-sponsored appreciation dinner once a year.
9. Partner Families will also receive a *First Witnesses* gift and a subscription to Hallow.

TIMELINE:

Three-month onboarding process / September – November 2024:



- + Online questionnaire
- + Interview
- + Online formation on what accompaniment is and the role of the Partner Family
- + In-person training on topics including practical communication skills, forming a mentor relationship, maintaining boundaries, following the outreach schedule, and problem-solving