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Triage

Deuteronomy 4:9 (ESV)

⁹ “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children—

Dear Parents,

It goes without saying that parents have more life experience than their children do. Whatever age that they are going through, the parent has been there already (which I know that they have a hard time believing that their mom or dad was ever a teenager).

About ten years ago Bethel’s Board of Parish Education started going through the needs of parents, and came up with some ways to approach getting help to parents in their parenting. Ever wanting to be catchy, we came up with the name “*Triage*” as something fitting.¹

TRIAGE stands for:

Trials –

Parenting just isn’t complete with trials and testing.
All parents have them – what are yours?

Resources --

Where can you turn for help during the week?
What can you learn on your own?

Ideas –

What’s working for you?
What’s working for other parents?
What do you need to work for you?

Acceptance –

No matter what you're going through (or what your kids are going through – it's often not easy for either!)

Growth –

Growth in your coping and training skills as a parent, growth for your child

Encouragement –

You're not in this alone – we all need to pull for each other!

While we can all aim for something much higher than merely survival, first you have to do that. I think that all parents, if honest, have days when it seems like just surviving is the only goal to even strive for.

In the coming weeks, we'll take a walk through some of these concepts – and hopefully along the way encourage each other.

Even though it seems like it at times, you're not in parenting all alone. There are many others who have gone down the same road that you are on.

You have a great heritage to pass on to your kids – and working together we can help make that happen.

As I continue to suggest, www.family.org is a great resource for you. On the Board of Parish Education display table are three magazines aimed at preschoolers through teen girls from this organization. It's well worth checking them out.

Need further ideas with specific needs? I'm only an email away! (dcerandy@blcbcs.org).

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Triage - noun

1. the process of sorting victims, as of a battle or disaster, to determine medical priority in order to increase the number of survivors.

2. the determination of priorities for action:

She began her workday with a triage of emails.

