

## *Christian Growth and Development*

And for the Adults.....

Many of us grew up being schooled with the understanding that once one left school, one had acquired all the knowledge one needed and then got on with life. But over the past decades the consensus of the experts is that we are developmental creatures, that is we are always learning and always growing even when we think we have not. Anna Freud, Piaget, and a whole host of others have shown that children learn in a dynamic way, integrating experience, knowledge, and reflection again and again. And adults: we do the same.

Beginning in the late 1950s many in the Church began to look at how adults acquire faith. The experience of a generation which lived through the Second World War called for a reimagining of faith. It is all well and good, and necessary, that one has “night light faith” as a child, but what about those of us who now deal in a world of quantum mechanics and culture of acquisition and entertainment? About two decades ago, religious leaders such as John Westerhoff and James Fowler and others began to delve into the issue. How do adults continue to evolve their faith life? Among those who turned their attention to the issue was Corrine Ware who developed a program to help adults reflect and enrich their faith life. Building on the work of Carl Jung and many others, she developed a systematic way of looking at how a person lives and “grows” their faith life.

Beginning on September 23, Fr. Gressle will lead a seminar based on her work. The course will last five weeks and all are welcome to join, but we just need to know if you plan to attend as materials for the event will have to be produced. The plan is to start following fellowship after Eucharist. Each section has twenty minutes of input, and ten minutes of Q and A. OUT BY NOON!!! No kidding! [Please let the office know of your interest.](#)