

John Roberto

Resume

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John Roberto has worked in Christian faith formation—teaching, writing, researching, consulting, and developing program resources since 1969. He founded Lifelong Faith Associates, LLC in 2006 to continue his work. He worked at Vibrant Faith Ministries as an adjunct staff member and from 2017 through 2020 as a full time member of the leadership team. John is also the founder of the Center for Ministry Development (1978) where he worked for 28 years. His latest publications include *Faith Formation with a New Generation* (2018), *Families at the Center of Faith Formation* (2016), *Seasons of Adult Faith Formation* (2015), *Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century* (2015), *Generations Together* (2014), and *Faith Formation 2020* (2010). He was the creator and project coordinator of the Generations of Faith Project, a five-year Lilly Endowment funded project (2001-2006) to develop intergenerational faith formation in Catholic parishes across the United States. John has a master's degree in religious education from Fordham University and graduate studies in sociology at Catholic University. He is married to Linda, father of three married children, and grandfather of five children.

Education

1979-1980 M.A. Religious Education, Fordham University
1972-1974 Graduate studies in sociology, Catholic University of America
1968-1972 B.A. in Sociology and Religious Studies, Fairfield University

Work Experience

2006-Present Founder and President, Lifelong Faith Associates
Managing editor of the Lifelong Faith Journal (2007-2015), writing and editing six books in faith formation for church leaders, developing and managing four national symposium programs, and conducting workshops and courses (in-person and online)

2017-2020 Leadership Team, Vibrant Faith Ministries
Coordinator of training services and the MasterClass program; developer and coordinator of Vibrant Faith Catalyst – a network of pastors and faith formation leaders

2001-2006 Generations of Faith Coordinator, Center for Ministry Development
Creator and project coordinator of the Generations of Faith Project, a five-year Lilly Endowment funded project (2001-2006) to develop intergenerational faith formation in over 1000 Catholic parishes across the United States

1978-2000 Founder and Director, Center for Ministry Development
1976-1978 Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Richmond, VA
1973-1976 Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Bridgeport, CT

Awards

Sapientia et Doctrina Award, Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education, Fordham University, 2006.
Outstanding Contribution to Family Ministry, awarded to John Roberto and the Center for Ministry Development by the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers, 1994.

National Youth Ministry Award, National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, 1990.
Emmaus Award, given by the United States Catholic Conference, National Catholic Youth Organization, for outstanding contribution to the field of Youth Ministry, 1979.

Publications from 2000 to the Present

Faith Formation with the New Generation. LifelongFaith Associates, 2018.
Families at the Center of Faith Formation (editor and co-author). LifelongFaith Associates, 2016.
Seasons of Adult Faith Formation (editor and co-author) LifelongFaith Associates, 2015
Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century. LifelongFaith Associates, 2015.
Generations Together (co-authored). LifelongFaith Associates, 2014.
Faith Formation 2020: Designing the Future of Faith Formation. LifelongFaith Associates, 2010.
The Spirit and Culture of Youth Ministry. Exemplary Youth Ministry Project, 2010. (with Roland Martinson and Wes Black)
Living Well: Christian Practices for Everyday Life. LifelongFaith Associates, 2009. (editor, author)
Living the Moral Life – Intergenerational Program Manual. Harcourt Religion Publishers, 2007.
Becoming a Church of Lifelong Learning. Twenty-Third Publications, 2006.
Professing Our Faith – Intergenerational Program Manual. Harcourt Religion Publishers, 2006.
Generations of Faith Resource Manual. Twenty-Third Publications, 2005.
Acting for Justice – Intergenerational Program Manual. Harcourt Religion Publishers, 2005.
Following Jesus – Intergenerational Program Manual. Harcourt Religion Publishers, 2005.
Generations of Faith Volumes 1 and 2 Program Manuals. CMD Publications, 2000, 2002.

Earlier Publications

Guides to Youth Ministry: Leadership. Don Bosco Multimedia, 1994. (co-author)
Planning a Youth Ministry. Don Bosco Multimedia, 1994. (author)
Volunteer Leadership. Don Bosco Multimedia, 1994. (author)
Pastoral Care Resource. Don Bosco Multimedia, 1993. (co-author and co-editor)
Foundations of Youth Ministry Leadership. Don Bosco Multimedia, 1992. (author)
Faith and Families. Don Bosco Multimedia, 1992. (author and editor)
Families and Youth—A Resource Manual. Don Bosco Multimedia, 1992. (co-editor)
Rituals for Sharing Faith: A Parish Ministers Guide. Don Bosco Multimedia, 1992. (editor)
Family Celebrations and Rituals. Don Bosco Multimedia, 1992. (editor)
Media, Faith, and Families—A Parent's Guide. Don Bosco Multimedia, 1992. (editor)
Media, Faith, and Families—A Parish Guide. Don Bosco Multimedia, 1992. (editor)
Access Guides to Youth Ministry: Early Adolescent Ministry. Don Bosco Multimedia, 1991. (editor)
Catholic Families: Growing and Sharing Faith. Don Bosco Multimedia, 1990. (author, editor)
Guides to Youth Ministry: Liturgy & Worship. Don Bosco Multimedia, 1990. (editor)
Guides to Youth Ministry: Justice. Don Bosco Multimedia, 1989. (author, editor)
Guides to Youth Ministry: Evangelization. Don Bosco Multimedia, 1989. (author, editor)
Faith Maturing: A Personal and Communal Task. NFCYM, 1985. (author, editor)
Hope for the Decade. USCC, 1982. (editor)
Adolescent Catechesis Resource Manual. Sadlier, 1988. (author)
Leadership for Youth Ministry. St. Mary's Press, 1984. (co-author)