21st Century Faith Formation for All Ages & Generations

John Roberto, LifelongFaith Associates

You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.

Buckminster Fuller

21st Century Faith Formation

- We live in a time of abundance – with new technologies and resources that can provide next generation faith formation – not just for the younger generations but for all ages and generations.
- We can now reimagine where, when, and how faith formation & learning take place.

21st Century Faith Formation

1. It is now possible to provide faith formation for everyone, anytime, anywhere, 24 x 7 x 365.
2. It is now possible to deliver religious content and experiences to people wherever they are, 24 x 7 x 365.
3. It is now possible to customize and personalize faith formation around the life tasks and issues, interests, religious and spiritual needs, and busy lives of people.

21st Century Faith Formation

4. It is now possible to engage people in a wide diversity of programs, activities, and resources that incorporate a variety of ways to learn—*on your own, with a mentor, at home, in small groups, in large groups, in the congregation, and in the community and world*—delivered in physical gathered settings and virtual online settings.
5. It is now possible to connect people to each other—in physical places and virtual spaces.

New Mobile Technologies

New Digital Technologies

New Digital Resources

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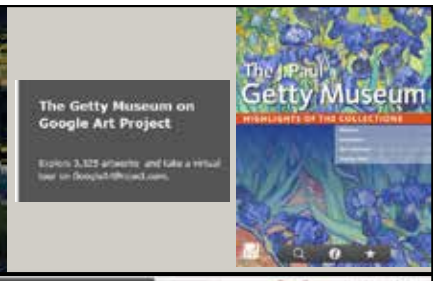

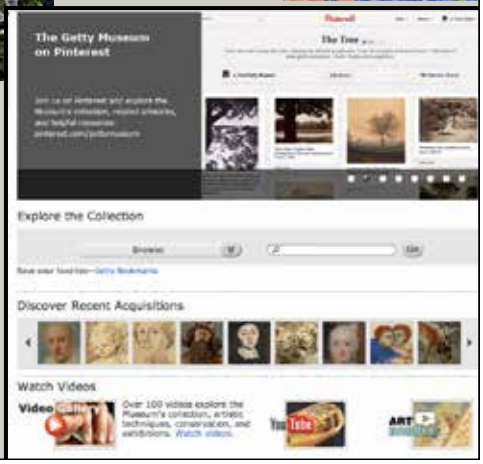

21st Century Faith Formation

Creating Networks of Personalized & Customized Faith Formation Activities & Resources

focusing on addressing people's spiritual and religious diversity by offering a wide variety of religious content and experiences

Characteristics

Networked

Connected

Personalized

Virtual & Physical

Lots of Variety

Fashioned around People

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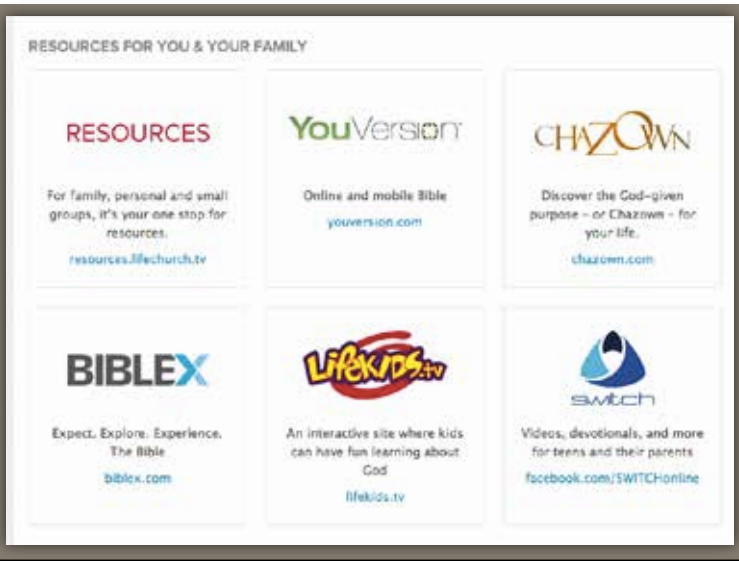

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Vibrant Faith @ Home

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Families with Children Faith Formation Network
Bringing Sunday Worship Home
Whole Family Programs
Children's Programs & Events
Faith Practices: Bible, Prayer, Rituals. Service
Milestones
Parent Faith Formation
Parenting Education & Support Groups
Mentors for Parents
"Getting Started in Faith" Experiences
Parent Blog Social Media
Intergenera-tional Experiences & Connections

Family Faith Formation Network
Home
Bringing Sunday Worship Home
Community Life & Events
Whole Family Experiences
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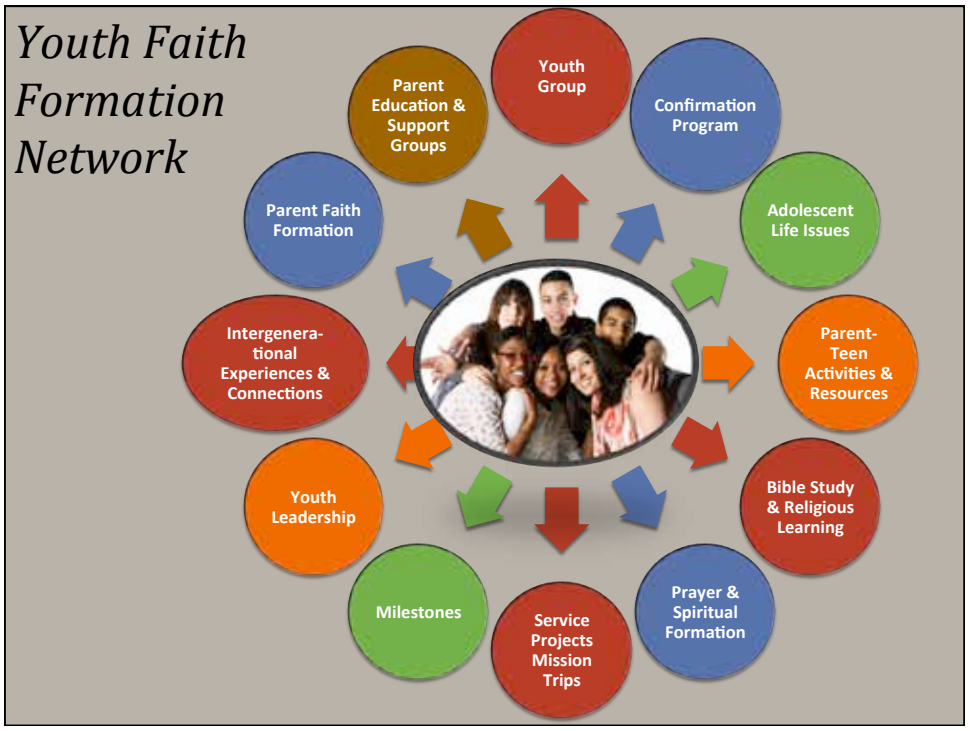
Children's Programs
October Morning Prayer
Christ has no body now but yours
No hands,
No feet on earth but yours -
Yours are the eyes,
Yours are the hands with which
He blesses all the world.
Lord, today may I be your body, your hands, your feet and your eyes. Through me, bless the world today. Amen.(St. Teresa of Avila, Feastday is October 15)
October Nighttime Prayer
O Christ, Son of the Living God,
May your holy angels guard our sleep.
May they watch us as we rest
And hover around our beds.
Let them reveal to us in our dreams
Visions of your glorious truth,
O High Prince of the universe,
O High Prince of the mysteries.
May no dreams disturb our rest
And no nightmares darken our dreams.
May no fears or worries delay
Our willing, prompt repose.
May the virtue of our daily work
Hallow our nightly prayers.
May our sleep be deep and soft,
So our work be fresh and hard.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Confirmation Program
Adolescent Life Issues
Parent-Teen Activities & Resources
Bible Study & Religious Learning
Prayer & Spiritual Formation
Service Projects Mission Trips
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Youth Leadership
Intergenera-tional Experiences & Connections
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Parent Education & Support Groups

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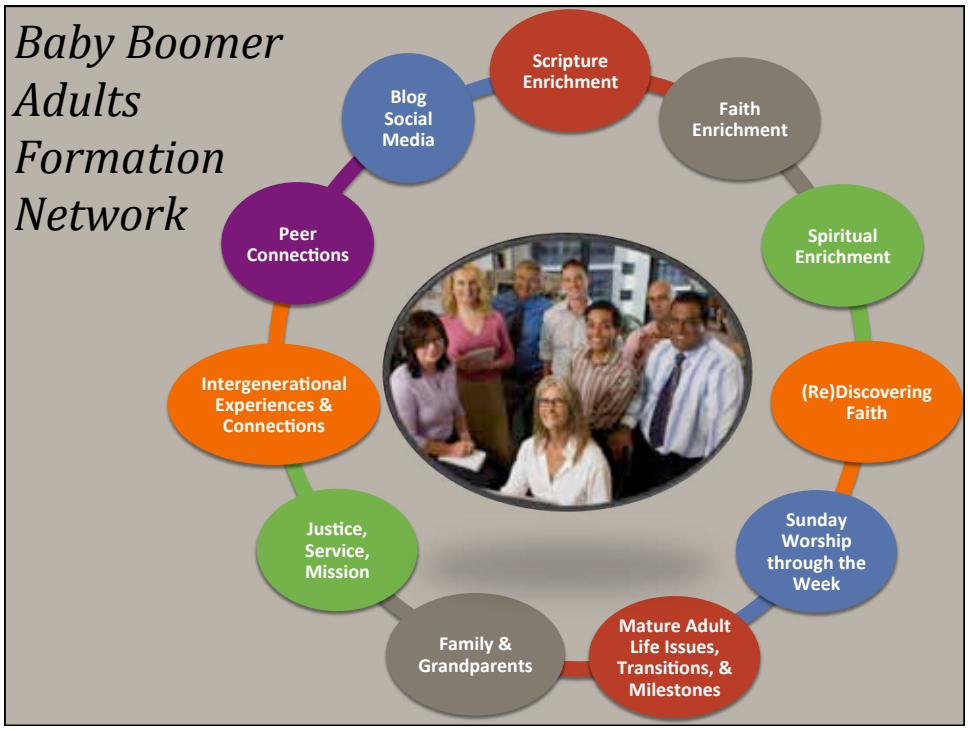
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Scripture Enrichment
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(Re)Discovering Faith
Sunday Worship through the Week
Mature Adult Life Issues, Transitions, & Milestones
Family & Grandparents
Justice, Service, Mission
Intergenerational Experiences & Connections
Peer Connections
Blog Social Media

Adult Faith Formation
Home
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Holy Trinity Adult Faith Formation
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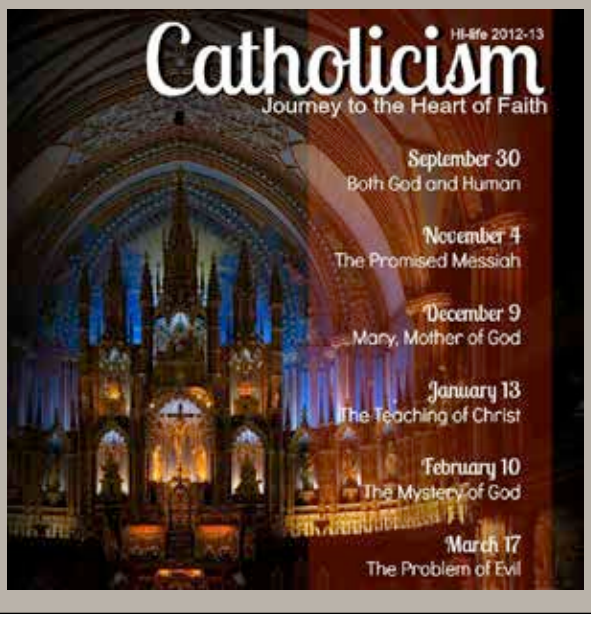
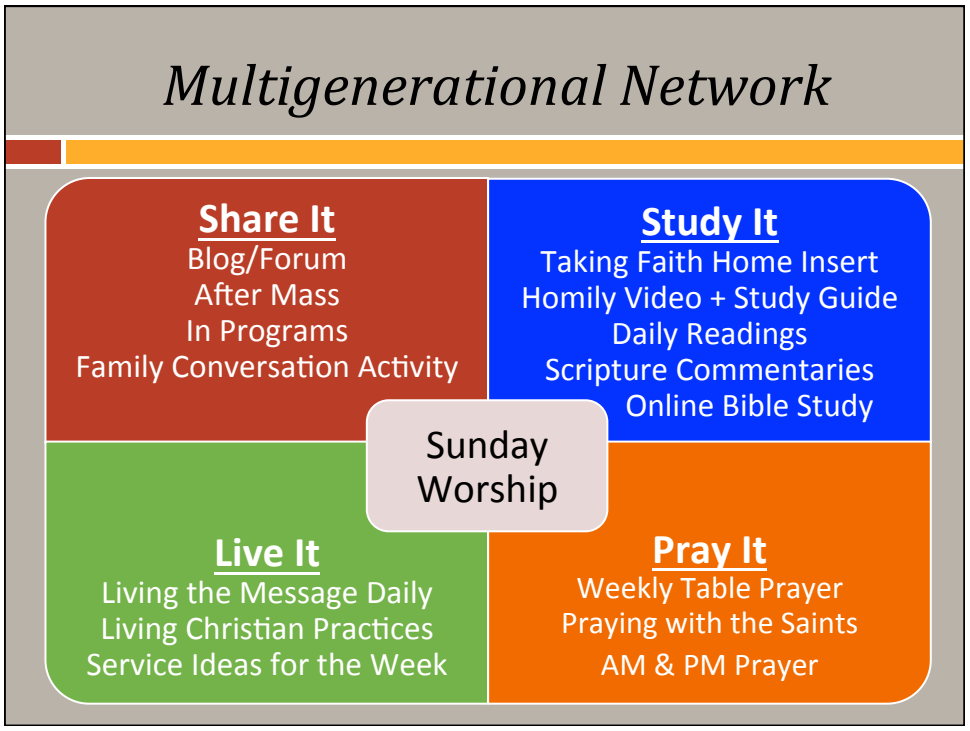
• engages them in meaningful spiritual growth and faith enrichment
• provides enriching worship services
• engages them in making a contribution to the church & world
• connects them to each other and the other generations in the faith community
Our faith formation center is rich in experiences, activities, and resources designed to nurture your faith as mature adults. Select from our variety of activities using the menu. You can learn and grow on your own, at home, in small groups, in large group programs, in our church community, and in the world. Invite your friends to join you in an activity.

Young Adult Network

Multigenerational Network

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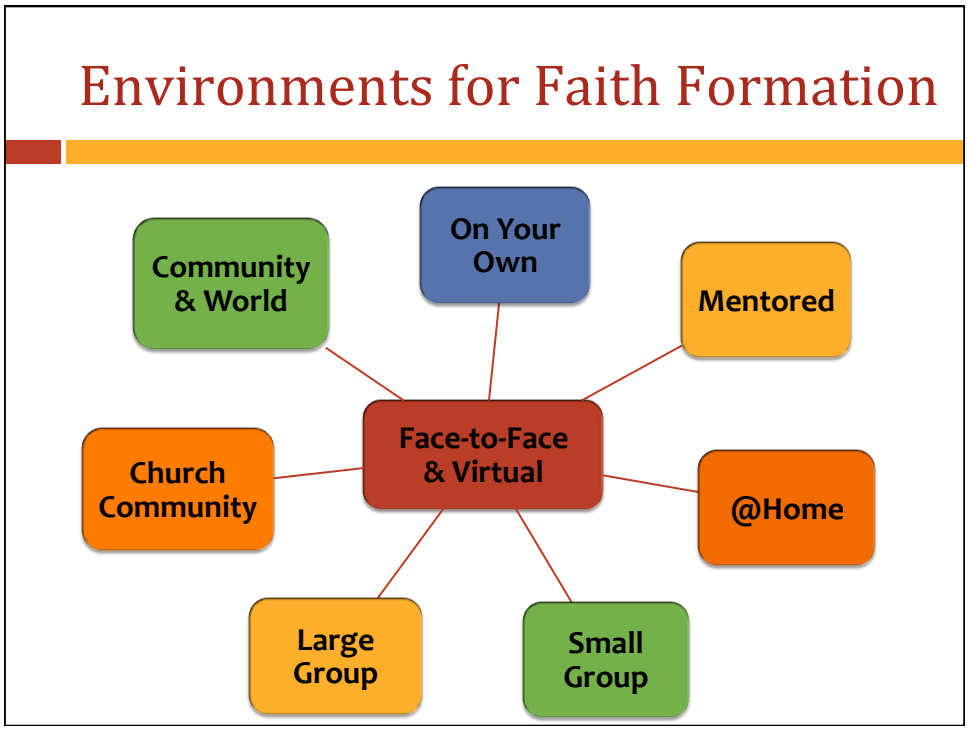
Environments for Faith Formation
On Your Own
Community & World
Mentored
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Church Community
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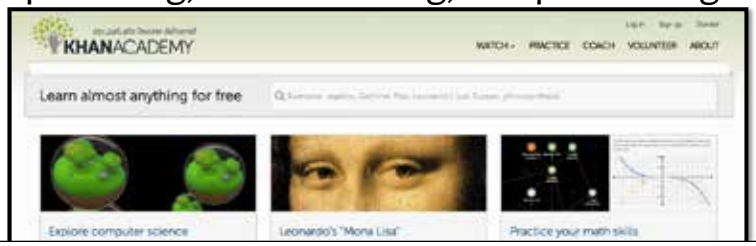
Large Group
Small Group

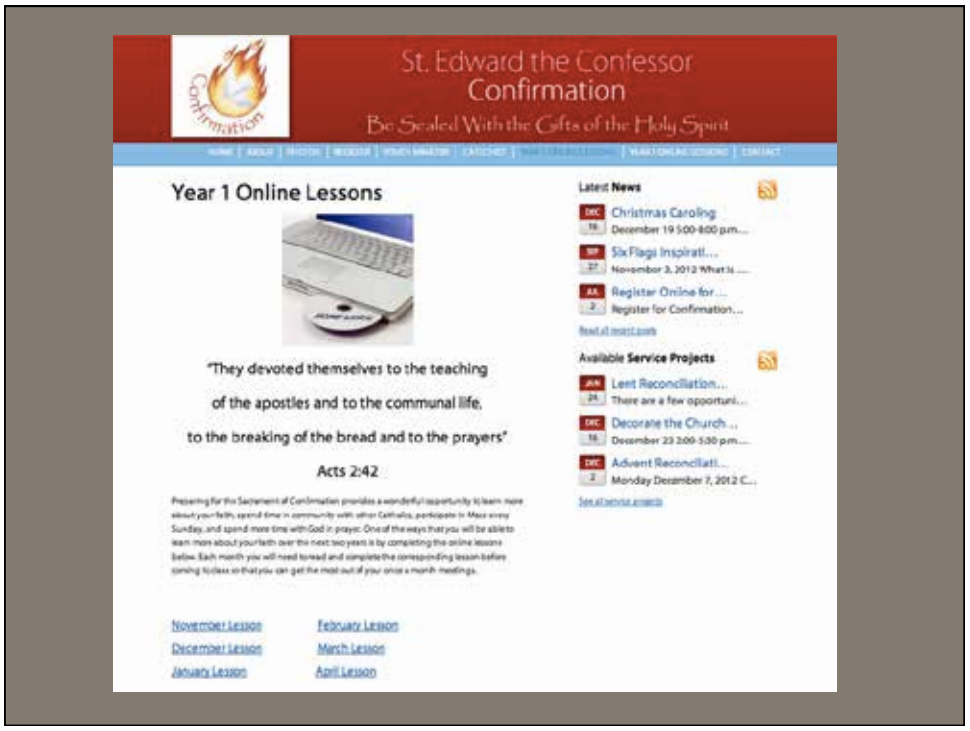
Online – Blended – Physical

Fully online with options for face-to-face interaction in physical settings.	**Mostly or fully online with regular interaction in physical settings.**	**Online platform that delivers most of the program with support, mentoring, and small groups.**	**Programs in physical settings guided by a leader with online components.**	**Programs in physical settings with online resources to supplement the program.**

Imagine the Possibilities. . . .

- "Flipping the classroom" so that children and teens are doing project-centered learning with their parents or peers—accessing content online through the network website and connecting via a secure social network such as Edmodo AND then refocusing "class time" on practicing, demonstrating, and performing.

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Confirmation
Be Sealed With the Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Year 1 Online Lessons
"They devoted themselves to the teaching
of the apostles and to the communal life,
to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers"
Acts 2:42
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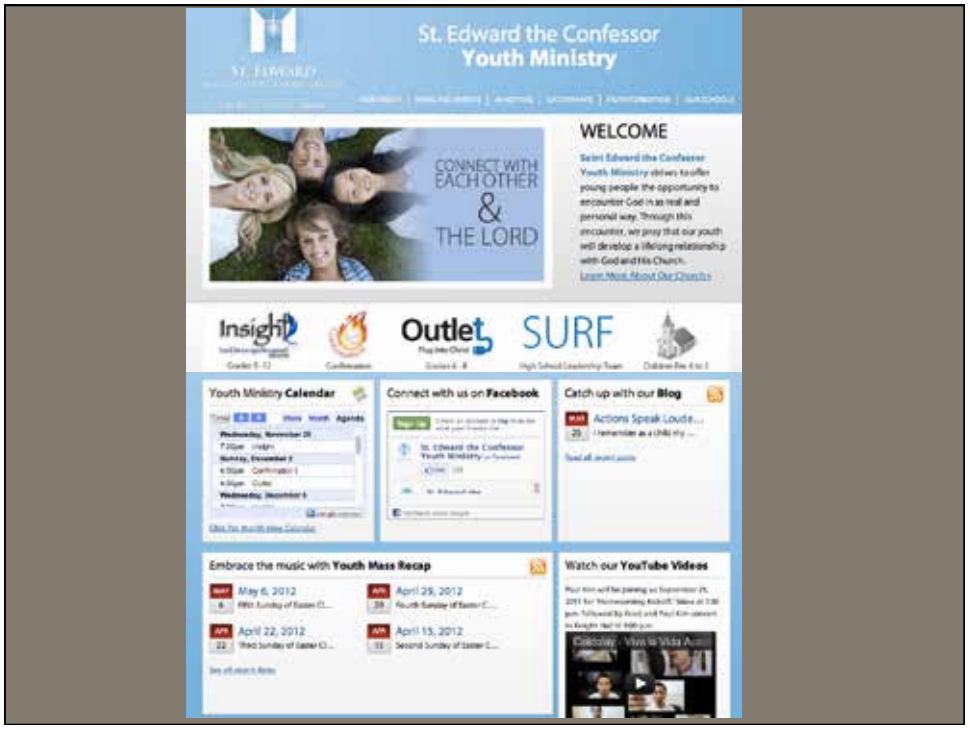
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Youth Ministry Calendar
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Actions Speak Loude...
Embrace the music with Youth Mass Recap
May 6, 2012
April 29, 2012
April 22, 2012
April 15, 2012
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Imagine the Possibilities. . . .

- Providing courses, presentations, demonstrations, small group Bible study, and topical learning—all with online content—that can be conducted via Skype or Google+ with reflections on a blog, Google+ Circle, Twitter, Facebook group, or Edmodo.

ChefHangout.com Courses

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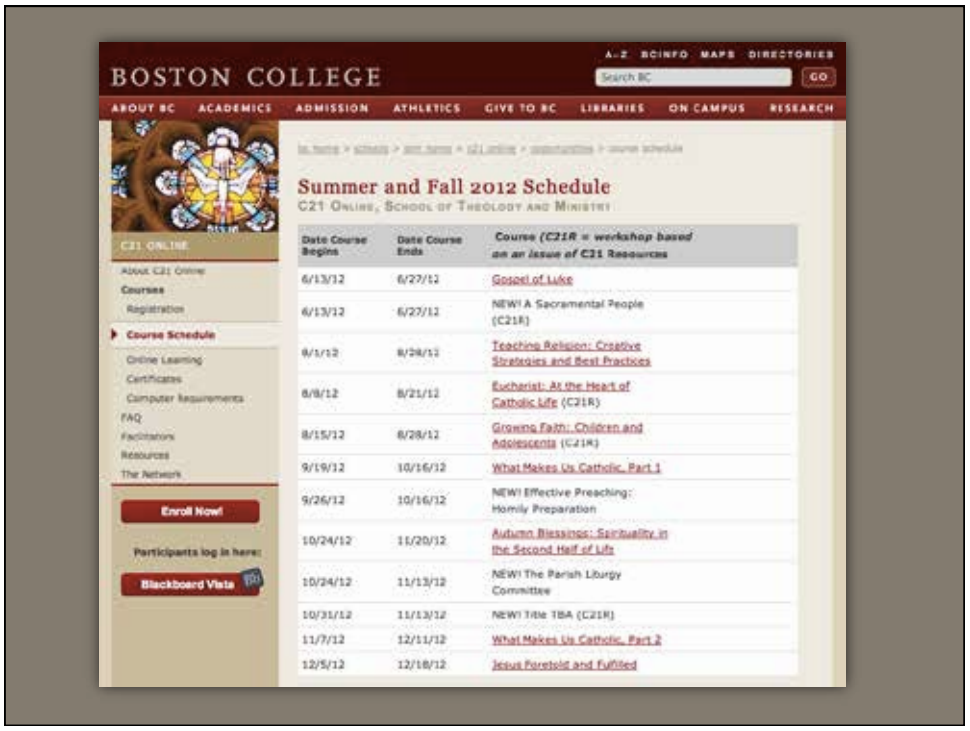
- Providing online Bible and theology courses using free courses from iTunes University or a seminary/university.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C21 Online, School of Theology and Ministry
Date Course Begins
Date Course Ends
Course (C21R = workshop based on an issue of C21 Resources
6/13/12 6/27/12 Gospel of Luke
6/13/12 6/27/12 NEW! A Sacramental People (C21R)
8/1/12 8/28/12 Teaching Religion: Creative Strategies and Best Practices
8/8/12 8/21/12 Eucharist: At the Heart of Catholic Life (C21R)
8/15/12 8/28/12 Growing Faith: Children and Adolescents (C21R)
9/19/12 10/16/12 What Makes Us Catholic, Part 1
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10/24/12 11/20/12 Autumn Blessings: Spirituality in the Second Half of Life
10/24/12 11/13/12 NEW! The Parish Liturgy Committee
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11/7/12 12/11/12 What Makes Us Catholic, Part 2
12/5/12 12/18/12 Jesus Foretold and Fulfilled

C21 Online Mini-Courses
The Death of Jesus: Four Gospel Accounts
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The Death of Jesus: Four Gospel Accounts
The Death of Jesus: Four Gospel Accounts, is an online, self-paced mini-course written and narrated by Philip A. Cunningham, Executive Director of the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning at Boston College. It is a collaborative project of the Center and C21 Online.
By the end of the mini-course, a participant will have explored:
the four different Gospel Passion Narratives by examining five scenes that are common to each of the narratives;
the unique characteristics of each account;
the limits of our historical knowledge about Jesus's death;
the spiritual message about the death of Jesus that each Evangelist sought to convey.
1 Introductory Materials
The mini-course begins by exploring how the Catholic tradition and recent biblical scholarship understand the origins of the Gospels and their proper interpretation.
2 Passion Narratives Commentaries
In the main section of the mini-course, short presentations examine each of the four Gospel Passion Narratives in five different scenes. Before viewing the commentaries, read the pertinent biblical passages by clicking the links provided. After completing the commentaries for each scene, try out the Self-Check.
3 Conclusion
This final page sums up the mini-course and introduces the Gospel resurrection accounts. These narratives must also be considered to appreciate fully the Evangelists' insights into the significance of Jesus' ministry.

Enter the Bible
WELCOME LOGIN
HOME
OLD TESTAMENT
NEW TESTAMENT
PERIODS OF TIME
RESOURCES
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Welcome to Enter the Bible.
LOG IN TO "ENTER THE BIBLE"
MY ENTER THE BIBLE
THE BOOKS
FEATURED VIDEO
Featured Video
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Everything You Wanted to Know About the Bible
But Were Afraid to Ask
WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE? - ALAN G. PADGETT
EVENTS
THREE PERSONS, ONE GOD: THE TRINITY

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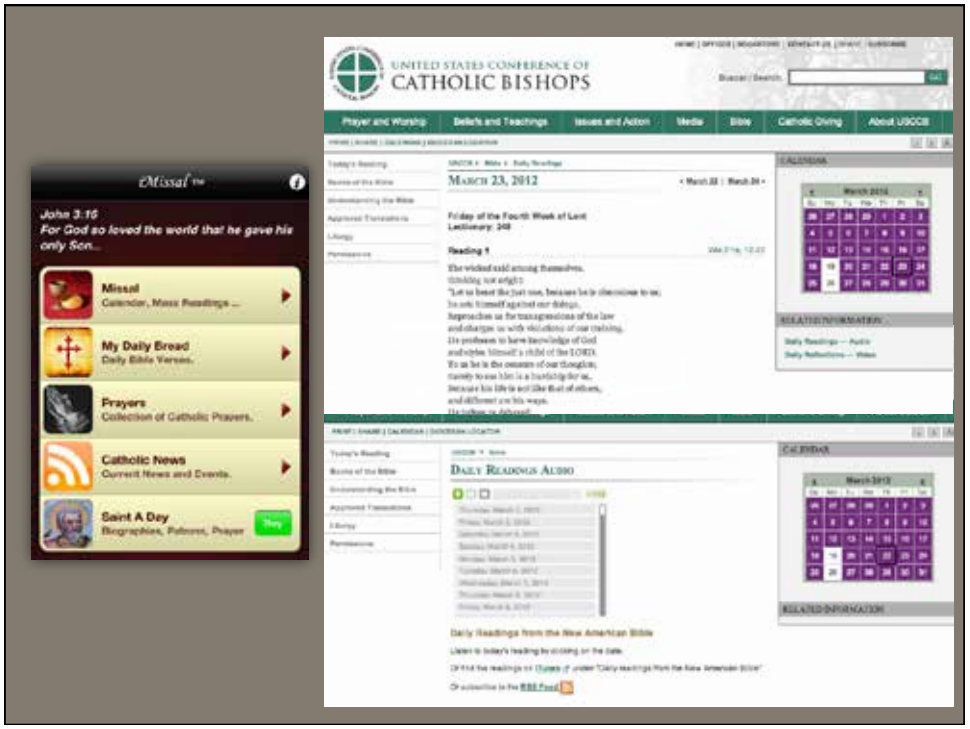
Riveting talks by remarkable people, free to the world
Noel Bairey Merz: The single biggest health threat women face
Myshkin Ingawale: A blood test without blood
T. Boone Pickens: Let's transform energy -- with natural gas
Mark Raymond: Victims of the city

Imagine the Possibilities

Developing an online prayer center where people find daily prayer experiences, offer prayer intentions, pray for others, learn about spiritual practices. . . .



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TOOLS FOR YOUR JOURNEY
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January 27th
For Today...
"Remember that while you are seeking you are also being sought... you will be found. You will be led. You will enter in. Look for that. Expect it. Expect to come to revelations of the Lord. Expect shells to break in their season. Expect boats to ride as the tide comes in. This is hope, to desire and to expect."
-- Oswald W.S. McCall
Our Prayers
...for hope, for peace,
for friends and loved ones,
spoken out loud and held in silence
Signpost Daily Devotions
Reflections on the words of scripture — how they apply to our lives and nourish our spirit
Faces of Faith
Stories of faith and spirituality in the lives of those who lived long ag and the examples of spiritual mentors in our midst today
Benedictine Spirituality
What can we learn about balance from a sixth century monk? This gathering of excerpts, quotes and essays on Benedictine spirituality points to ways practicing Benedict's Rule can lead to an authentic, faith-filled life.

Today's 3-Minute Retreat is:
Blessings
LOYOLAPRESS.
Monasteries of the Heart
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Ignatian Prayer
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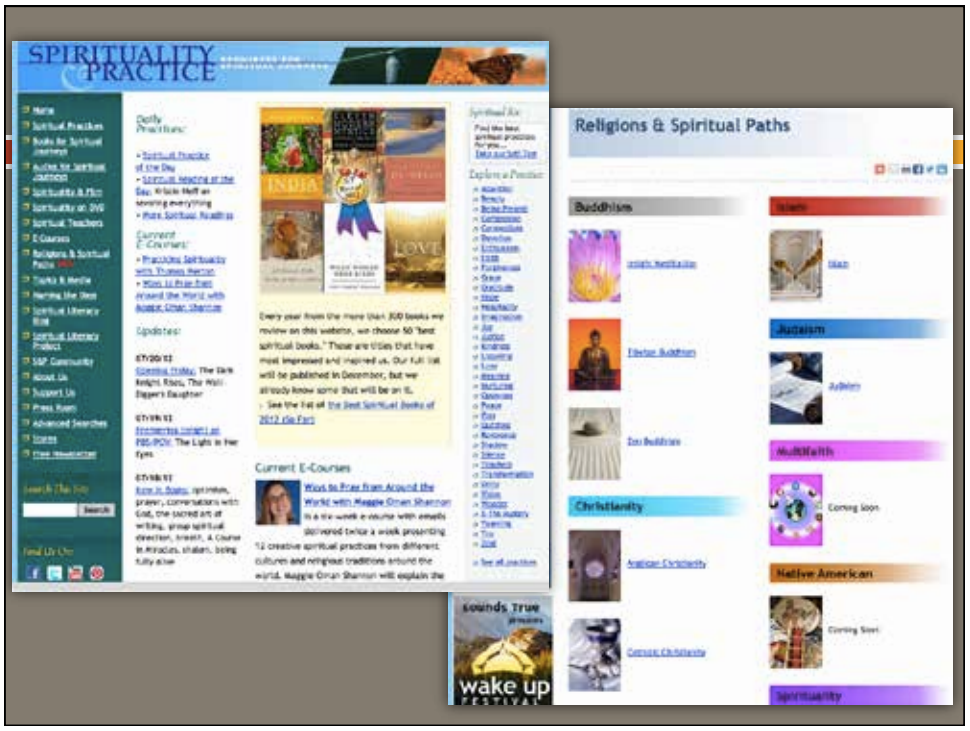

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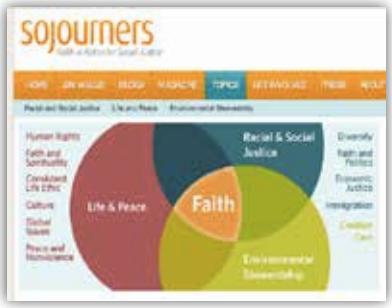
Developing justice and service resources where people can learn about social issues, explore Biblical and church teaching on justice, and find ways to act together through local & global projects.



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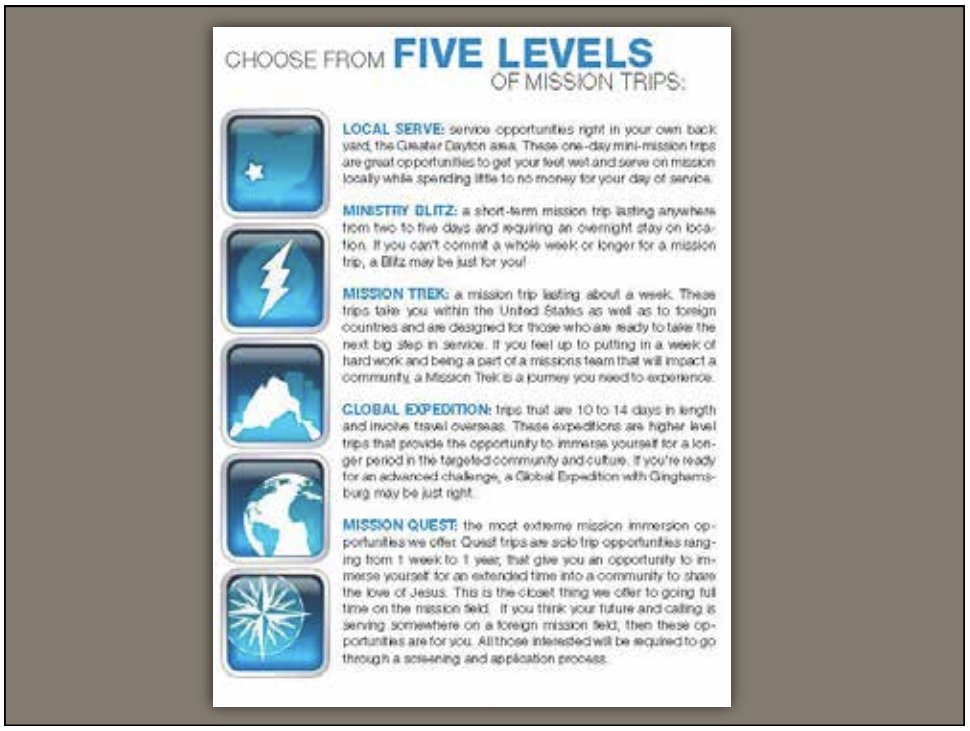


Imagine: Extend Sunday Worship

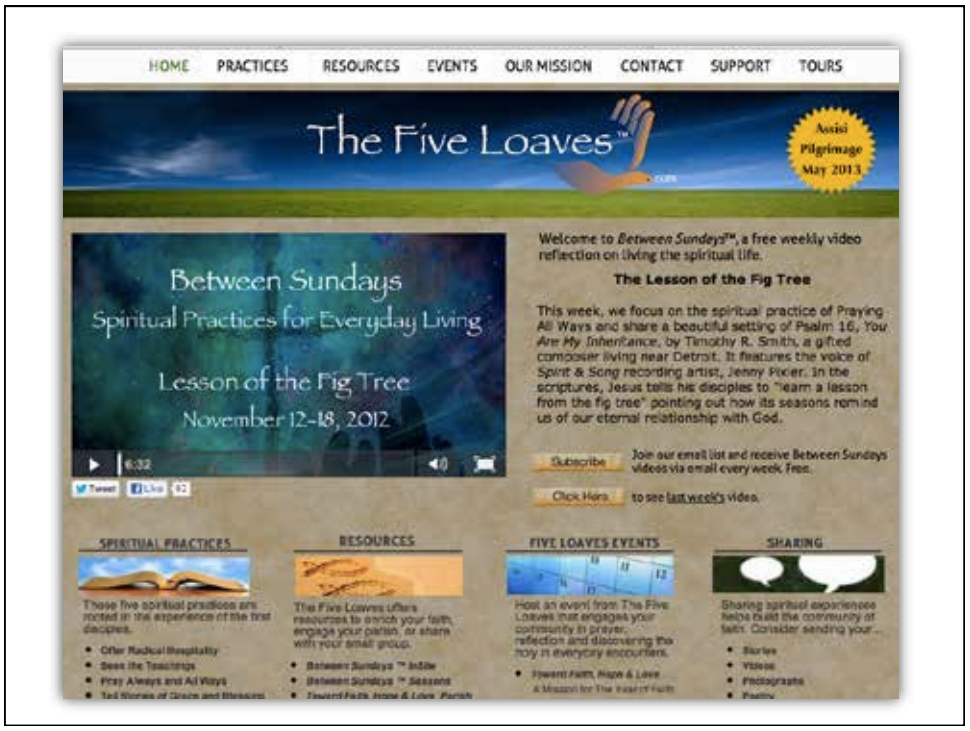
Share It
Blog/Facebook Question
After Worship Sharing
@Home Conversation Activity

Study It
"Taking Faith Home"
Sermon Video + Study Guide
Daily Readings
Scripture Commentaries
Online Bible Study

Sunday Worship

Live It
Living the Message Daily
Living Christian Practices
Service/Mission Idea
Action Project

Pray It
Weekly Table Prayer
Praying with the Saints
AM & PM Prayer
Lectio Divina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Between Sundays
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Lesson of the Fig Tree
November 12-18, 2012
Welcome to Between Sundays™, a free weekly video reflection on living the spiritual life.
The Lesson of the Fig Tree
This week, we focus on the spiritual practice of Praying All Ways and share a beautiful setting of Psalm 16, You Are My Inheritance, by Timothy R. Smith, a gifted composer living near Detroit. It features the voice of Spirit & Song recording artist, Jenny Pixler. In the scriptures, Jesus tells his disciples to "learn a lesson from the fig tree" pointing out how its seasons remind us of our eternal relationship with God.
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SPIRITUAL PRACTICES
These five spiritual practices are rooted in the experience of the first disciples.
RESOURCES
The Five Loaves offers resources to enrich your faith, engage your parish, or share with your small group.
FIVE LOAVES EVENTS
Host an event from The Five Loaves that engages your community in prayer, reflection and discovering the holy in everyday encounters.
SHARING
Sharing spiritual experiences helps build the community of faith. Consider sending your...

taking faith home
JANUARY 8, 2012
VIBRANT FAITH
bible readings
DAILY BIBLE READINGS:
These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.
Sunday Mark 1:4-11 Jesus is baptized
Monday Mark 9:2-8 Jesus is transfigured
Tuesday Acts 9:1-19a Saul's conversion and baptism
Wednesday Acts 22:2-16 Paul describes his baptism
Thursday Job 26:7-14 Job speaks of creation
Friday Job 38:1-38 The Lord speaks of creation
Saturday Psalm 104 A psalm of creation
Sunday John 1:43-51 Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael
scripture
SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
Genesis 1:1 (CEV)
SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:
A Prayer for the Week:
God of creation, make us new. Amen.
Mealtime Prayer:
For all you've created, and give us to share, we thank you, O God. How great is your care! Amen.
A Blessing to Give:
Child of God, may the Lord give you his Spirit and make you sure of his love. Amen. (Mark 1:10-11)
taking faith home
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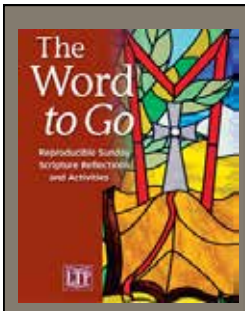
4 key faith practices
CARING CONVERSATION:
Discuss in your household or small group:
What do you know or remember about the day you were baptized?
What happened when Jesus was baptized?
What did God do for you when you were baptized?
DEVOTIONS:
As part of your home devotional time this week, share a rite of baptismal remembrance.
Gather a jug of water, an empty bowl, a larger center candle, and a smaller candle for each person. Pour the water into the bowl and say these words (a leader says the words in italics, all say the words in bold):
For your gift of water: We thank you, Lord.
For the water of baptism: We thank you, Lord.
Now light the center candle.
For your gift of light, which warms and guides us: We thank you, Lord.
For the light of Christ: We thank you, Lord.
By being baptized, we were buried with Christ into his death. Christ has been raised from the dead by the Father's glory. And like Christ we also can live a new life.
Each person now lights his or her candle from the center candle, as the leader says:
In baptism we were joined to the life of Christ. Let us shine for him.
Household members may dip their fingers into the bowl of water and make the sign of the cross on each other's foreheads, saying these words:
You are a baptized child of God, who is well pleased with you.
SERVICE:
God calls us to help him in taking care of his creation. As an act of community service, take a few plastic bags and walk around your neighborhood picking up litter (remember to wear gloves).
RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:
Go for a household nature walk. Take a digital camera or paper and pencils. When you return, make a poster using your pictures or drawings. Write the words of Genesis 1:1 in the center. Place the poster in a prominent place in your home.



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King *November 20, 2011*

Carrying on the Mission of the Shepherd-King

Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17
Psalm 23:1–2, 2–3, 5–6
1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28
Matthew 25:31–46

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Most of us might not realize the responsibilities that came with the job of a shepherd, but this once-important position is key to understanding many Biblical passages and Jesus' identity as Shepherd-King. In Jesus' day, the shepherd had the awesome responsibility of protecting a highly valued animal. No fences or convenient ways existed to bring massive amounts of food to a large herd. Without the shepherd, the animals were easy prey to wild beasts and were often lost to the expanse of the land. Shepherds were not casual overseers but were constantly on guard over their flocks.

The passages this week rely on an understanding of the shepherd's duties. In Ezekiel we find a shepherd who has not done his job, thereby putting the flock in danger. A new shepherd—the Lord—comes to save the abandoned herd. In light of the New Testament and their faith, Christians understand this shepherd as the Lord Jesus. Parallel to Ezekiel's scenario, Matthew tells about a shepherd who comes to sort the good from the bad while rescuing the weakest members of the flock. Because the weak animals of the flock are overlooked to protect the majority, Jesus surprises his audience by delegating responsibility for them and clearly defining their tasks for them. His words are the basis for what Catholics have traditionally called the corporal works of mercy.

SHARING FAITH

- What traits do you associate with the title of "shepherd"? Where do these ideas about shepherds come from? What images from today's world might be used to describe Jesus' unique style of leadership?
- What skills and personal qualities did shepherds have in Jesus' time? Why do you think Jesus chose to identify himself with a shepherd?
- What prevents you from seeing God in all people?

LIVING THE LITURGY

- Many find guiding principles for life in this passage from Matthew's account of the Gospel. Look out for the citation of this Sunday's Gospel on license plates and t-shirts. Think about why this particular passage might speak to people.
- Make a crown for the center of your table. Decorate it with symbols or words that tell about the qualities of Christ the King. Leave the crown in place until next Sunday, when Advent begins.
- Look at a hidden picture book or puzzle. After finding some of the missing objects, decide what makes the things you are looking for so hard to find. Discuss strategies for the rest of your search. Talk about how we miss seeing the presence of Christ the King in our families, neighborhood, and world.

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- Parent network—rich with resources—for parenting, faith growth, understanding children and teens, etc.
- Online courses & video programs
- Webinars for parent enrichment
- Directory of local and online parenting classes, support groups, websites, etc.
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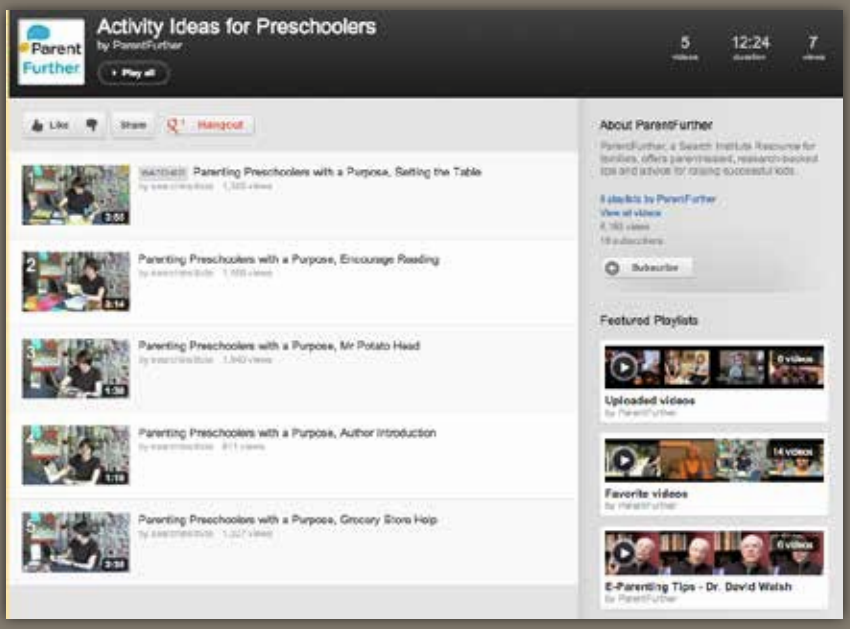

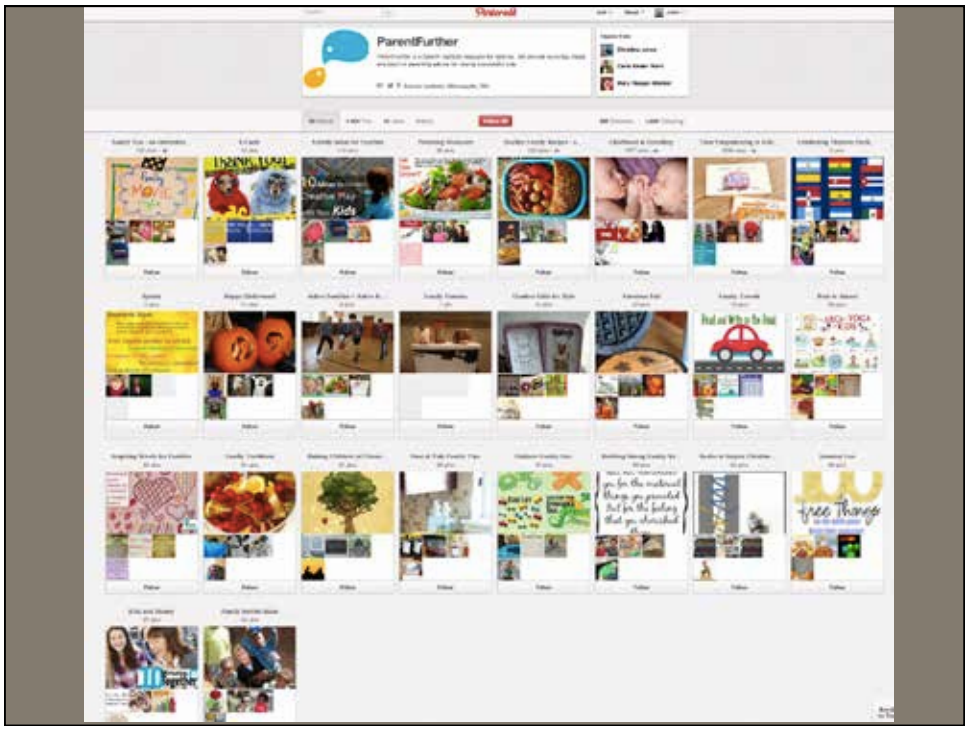
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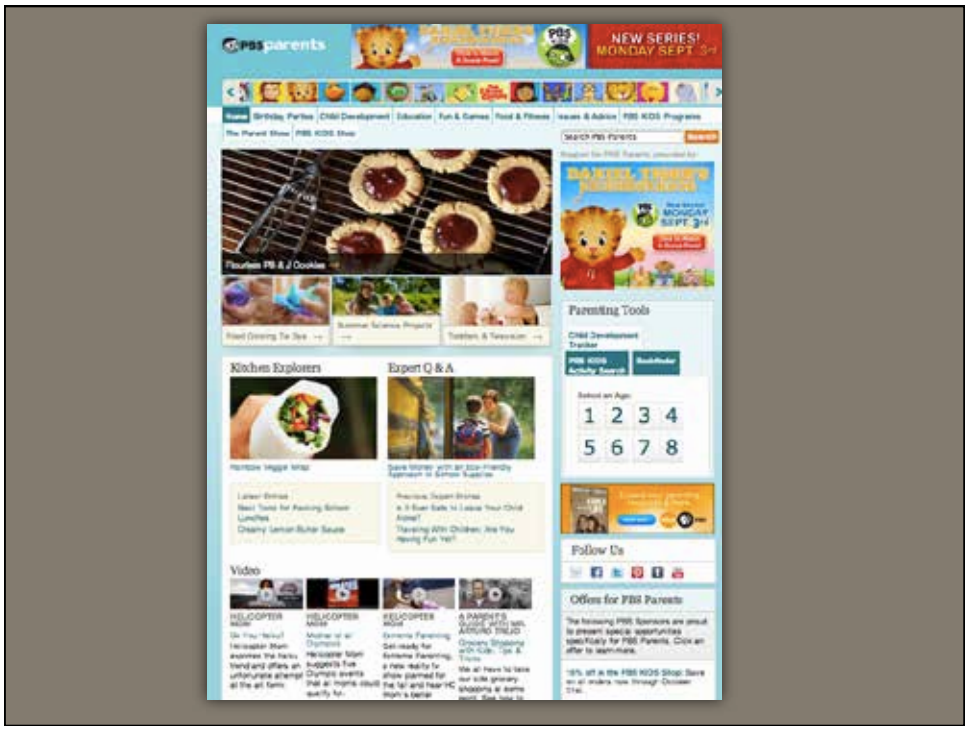
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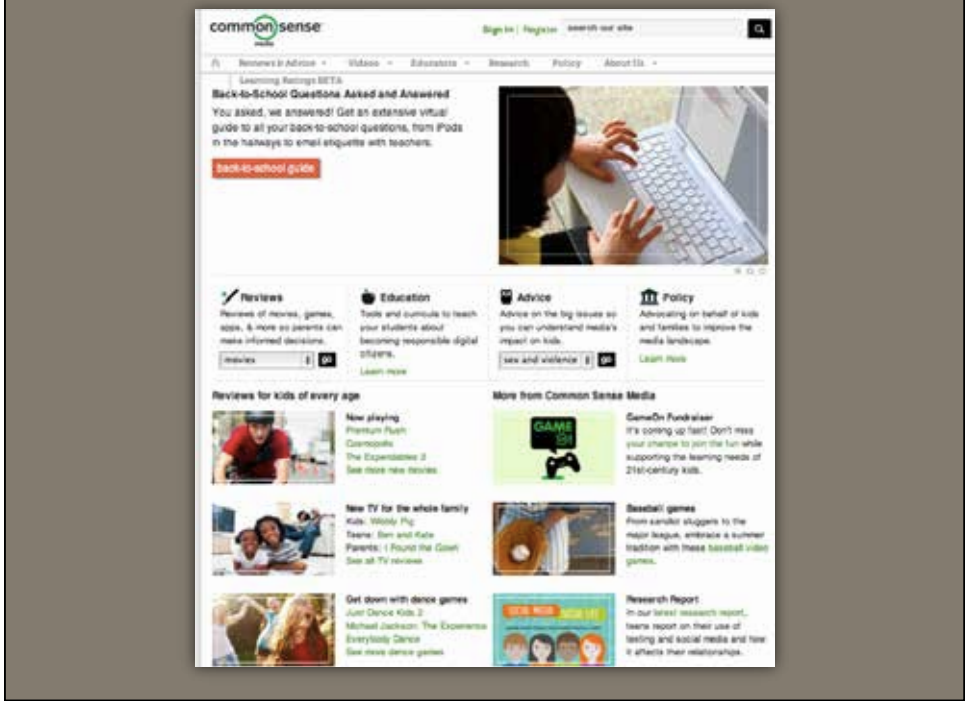
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