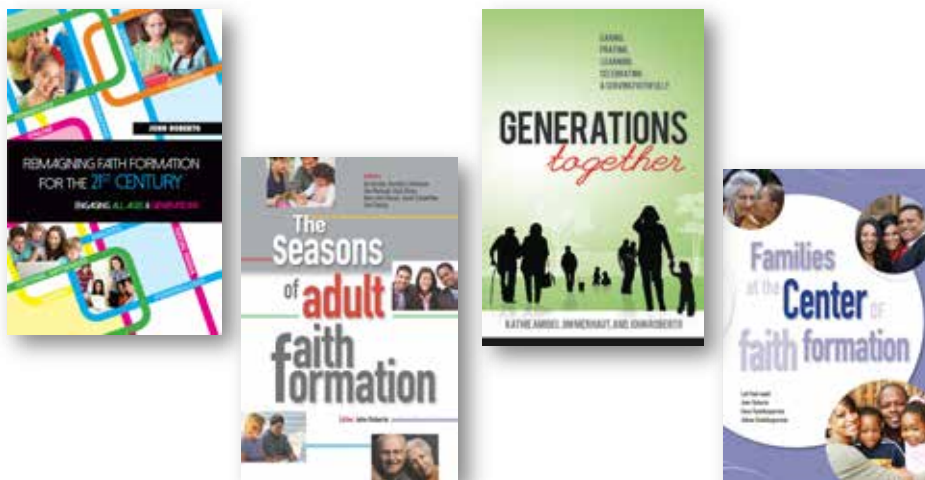


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Family Faith Formation Network



Families at the Center of Faith Formation

A Network of Experiences, Activities & Resources for Families with Children

Family Life

Each month we will explore, experience, and practice an important family event that can enrich your family relationships and build a stronger family.

1. January: The Family Meal
2. February: Forgiveness
3. March: Managing Household Life
4. April: Celebrating Births and Milestones

Join us for our **MONTHLY FAMILY GATHERINGS** on the first Sunday of each month after Sunday worship. This will be a time to explore and experience the monthly theme and learn how to practice it at home.

Use the resources that accompany each monthly theme for **PRACTICE @HOME**. Each resource includes stories, biblical reflections, and family activities.

[FAMILY LIFE](#)

Parents

"Just for Parents" offers a variety of ways for you to enhance and enrich your knowledge and skills for parenting children and teens. All of these programs, activities, and resources are developed around research-based ways to help your children and teens grow in healthy and positive ways by "expressing love, 2) challenging them to grow, 3) providing them with support, 4) making them to become making, and 5) expanding their possibilities for the future.

1. Participate in the "First Wednesday" webinar series - without leaving your home!
2. Use a variety of activities to build positive relationships at home.
3. Learn more about your children and teenage.
4. Participate in a Small Group Study with the best selling book *The Secrets of Happy Families* by Bruce Feiler.
5. Watch the video, "Parenting for the Long Haul" and download the "9 Parenting Insights" guide.
6. Strengthen family relationships with stories.
7. Discover parenting resources.

[PARENTS](#)

God in Daily Life

How can we discover God and the sacred in the rhythms and practices of everyday life? God is fully present in all each day, and this presence is discovered in the fabric of our lives - our experiences, our relationships and more. We are all spiritual beings. We can discover the spiritual in our everyday lives, and recognize, understand, and respond to God's presence in each day. Here are four daily practices to help you discover God.

1. Finding God at your stop through the daily examen.
2. Helping children feel God through bedtime reflection.
3. Discovering the sacred each day through the sacred.
4. Finding God through photos.

[GOD IN DAILY LIFE](#)

Faith @ Home

Faith @ Home provides a variety of activities to help your family grow in faith at home - all of which can be easily integrated into family life. You pick the time.

Reading the Bible

- A 12 week Summer Bible Reading Plan for Children
- An Old Testament Bible Names 5 minute devotional

Learning the Christian Tradition

- Ten Commandments Magnets
- Church Scavenger Hunt
- E-U-S-I-E-G
- Stand Up for Others

Praying

- Read Prayers for All Occasions

Serving Others

- Accessible Service Kits for Refugees
- Participate in a "Serve the Community" Day
- Collect Pray for the Holy Spirit

[FAITH @ HOME](#)

Faith Formation Playlists

Adult Faith Formation Network

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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The Seasons of Adult Faith Formation

A Network of Adult Faith Formation Experiences, Programs, Activities, & Resources

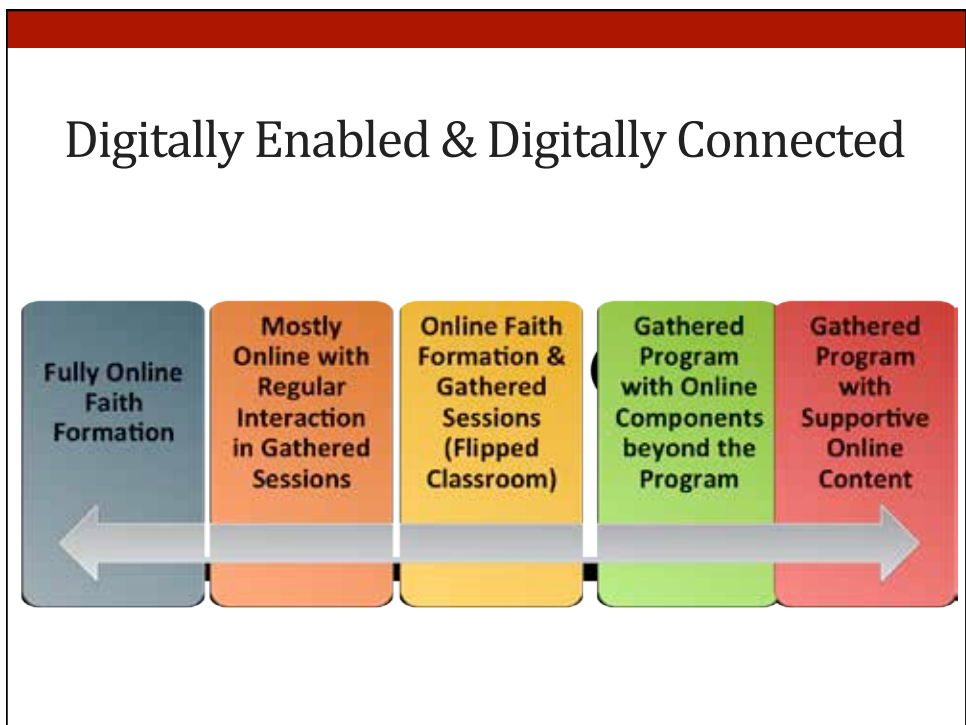
<p>Adult Living</p>	<p>Discover Faith</p>	<p>Faith Enrichment</p>	<p>Scripture</p>
<p>Find resources for being a Caregiver and an invitation for joining our Caregiver Support Group.</p> <p>Discover faith forming activities for grandparents to do with their grandchildren.</p>	<p>Discover Jesus and the Christian faith with two of our invitational experiences:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basics of Christianity - explore the video series on your own; join a Basics small group experience 2. Explore the Christian Faith through the ten-session Alpha Course with a small group of inquirers 	<p>Grow deeper in your Christian faith with one or more of our offerings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Yearlong Journey into the Christian faith - a 10 session program, monthly at church 2. Living the Spirit-Filled Life Course 3. Practice Makes a Christian - a small group study program 4. Practicing Our Faith - a self-study or group-study for growing in the practice of the Christian faith 5. Sacraments 101 - a video-based introduction or refresher on the Catholic sacraments 	<p>The focus for each season of Scripture Enrichment is one Gospel - Matthew, Mark, or Luke. We are offering a variety of ways for you to study and read the Gospels:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participate in the Gospel Presentation Series 2. Participate in a Small Group Gospel Bible Study 3. Explore the Gospel On-Your-Own 4. Take an Online Course 5. Develop a Gospel Study Plan using a Bible App 6. Discover Online Devotions and Bible Studies

<p>Seasons</p>	<p>Service & Mission</p>	<p>Spiritual Life</p>	<p>Sunday Worship</p>
<p>Deepen your understanding and celebration of the seasons of year at home during Advent-Christmas, and Lent.</p> <p>Deepen your understanding of the death and resurrection of Jesus as presented in the four Gospels in preparation for Holy Week.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participate in a Four-Session Presentation Series at Church 2. Watch the Four Video Presentations on Your Own or with a Small Group 3. Participate in a Six-Week Small Group Scripture Study 4. Study the Death and Resurrection of Jesus of On-Your-Own 	<p>The Focus for the year is <i>Poverty in our Community & Country</i>. Get involved with an action project and learn more about poverty.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Build a Home 2. Participate in "Serve the Community" Day 3. Support the Education of Children 4. Assemble Promise Packs for Refugees <p>Learn:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explore the Christian practice of transforming the world 2. Explore poverty in the U.S. 3. Explore stories of poverty in the U.S. 4. See who's poor in the U.S. 	<p>Develop your spiritual life through a variety of spiritual enrichment experiences:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participate in our five-session Spiritual Practices Course 2. Join a Book Study for Spring: <i>Falling Upward</i> by Richard Rohr 3. Explore Prayer Practices - experience a variety of ways to pray with these online resources 4. Take Time for Daily Devotion - select a daily prayer resources from the variety of online daily devotions 5. Take an Online Course or Make a Retreat with a Spiritual Master 6. Make an Online Retreat using the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises 	<p>Bring Sunday worship home with you and make it a seven-day experience:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read the Daily Scriptures & Watch a Video Reflection 2. Watch a Video Reflection on the Sunday Readings 3. Reflect on the Sunday Readings with Lectio Divina 4. Learn More About the Sunday Scripture Readings 5. Live Sunday All Week @Home

Whole Community Network



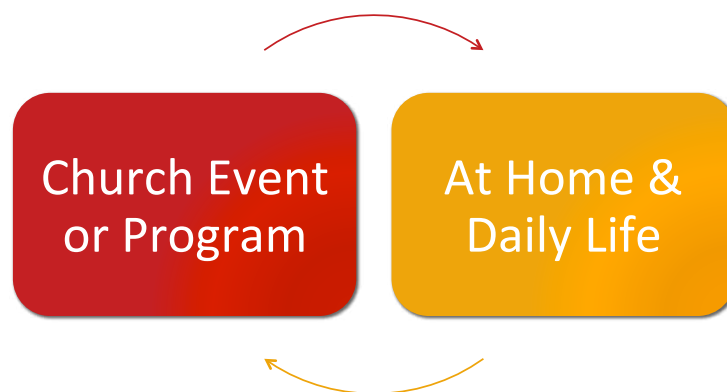
Digitally Enabled & Digitally Connected



Gathered with Online Content

A gathered program using online content from websites, videos from YouTube or other video sites, and blogs and other social media. With an abundance of high quality digital content, this first option is the easiest way to bring the digital world into a gathered program.

Gathered with Online



Sunday Worship		
Church Life →	Daily & Home Life	← Online Life
<p>Experience of Worship in the Congregation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday worship and lectionary • Church year feasts and seasons • Church rituals: baptism, communion, funerals, etc. 	<p>Experience of Sunday worship, rituals, and church year seasons in daily life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflecting on the sermon and readings at home • Practices: Lectio, etc. • Application to daily living 	<p>Online worship, church year, and lectionary resources on the church's faith formation website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectionary commentaries online • Video reflections and commentary • Online activities and projects

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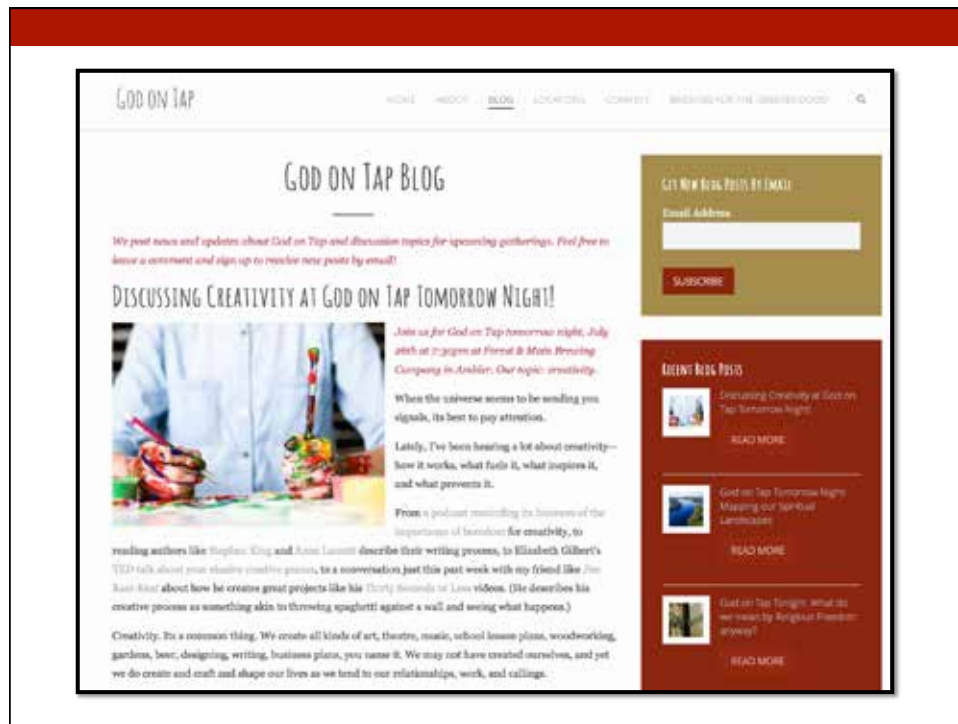
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Preschool Faith Formation @ Home

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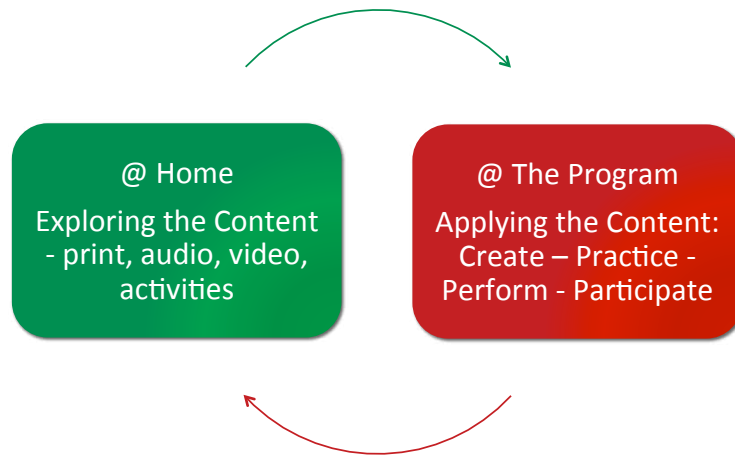




Online and Gathered

“Flip the classroom or program” by creating a digital platform to provide the content that people would learn in the gathered setting in an online learning space using print, audio, video, and more. And then transform the gathered program using interactive activities, discussion, project-based learning, and practice and demonstration.

Online & Gathered Programming Flipped Classroom Model



“Flip” Christian Initiation/New Member Formation



Online and Gathered

St. Edward the Confessor

CONFIRMATION

Be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit

Welcome to Confirmation

Confirmation is the sacrament by which you receive a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit. It is a rite that begins in Baptism, giving you the gifts and grace needed to live out your faith. As a Catholic, Confirmation preparation is a 12-week process with weekly readings, online work, service projects, retreats, and prayer participation.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT CONFIRMATION](#)

LEARNING

login



Confirmation 1
Online 2 Weeks

Confirmation 1
Online 2 Weeks

Starts: September 20
Ends: September 27

10:00am - 11:00am (Online)

PROGRAM

requirements



Confirmation 2
Online 2 Weeks

Confirmation 2
Online 2 Weeks

Starts: September 20
Ends: October 11

10:00am - 11:00am (Online)

SERVICE

projects



Insights
Online 2 Weeks

Insights
Online 2 Weeks

Starts: September 20
Ends: October 11

10:00am - 11:00am (Online)

Program Requirements

- 1) **PARTICIPATE IN WEEKLY ONLINE LEARNING**
 - Complete weekly online lesson
 - Participate in online small group discussions
- 2) **ATTEND MONTHLY SUNDAY SESSIONS**
 - Sessions begin at 4:00 p.m. and end after 8:30 p.m. Mass
 - 1 Absence allowed
- 3) **SERVICE PROJECTS**
 - Participate in 2 service projects per year (Service project opportunities will be available online (you would like to participate in)
 - Write one reflection per project completed online
- 4) **ATTEND "INSIGHT" (YOUTH GROUP) MEETINGS**
 - Attend 2 Insight Youth Ministry Meetings, more is encouraged
 - Insight runs each Wednesday night from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in Knight Hall (please refer to 6)
- 5) **ATTEND A CONFIRMATION RETREAT EACH YEAR**
 - Confirmation 1 - One-day retreat with parent or proxy (September 26, 2015)
 - Confirmation 2 - Overnight weekend retreat (Saturday 14-16, 2016 or March 7-9, 2016)
 - *** registration for Confirmation 2 retreats begins online January 5, 2016

THE SLATE PROJECT

A NEW MINISTRY PASTOR COMPLETED
both online and face-to-face

WELCOME
ENGAGE
RESOURCE
CONNECT

NO STOPPING

The Way of Jesus was radical, transformative and anchored in the wildly beautiful love of - and for - God.

We're trying to do something new in this world of church and faith by asking, "What if we had a blank slate?" What would we challenge for not working? How could we reconnect with our sacred history?

Mostly Online

- Online learning resources for self-study or small group study, and gathering at the conclusion to share their insights with others who participated.
- Online Bible study where groups can meet regularly in a physical setting or virtually for sharing their learning. (Google+ Hangout, Zoom, etc.)
- Selected online courses and video conferences/webinars from colleges, seminaries, and religious organization for individualized learning (with the option for a mentor) or small group learning.

Fully Online

Programs, activities, podcasts, video programs, and more – available online

- Online prayer and spirituality center
- Online courses from seminaries/colleges
- Online retreat experiences
- “40 Days of Lent” Online

Example: 40-Day Lent Curriculum

Church Life →	Daily & Home Life	← Online Life
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ash Wednesday • Lenten Sunday liturgies • Stations of the Cross • Lenten prayer • Lenten retreat • Lenten service • Lenten soup suppers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fasting • Praying • Service/ Almsgiving • Lectionary reflection • Family activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lenten learning resources • Lenten calendar • Daily Lenten prayer • Weekly table prayer • Video resources • Online retreat experience

