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- The single most important social influence on the religious and spiritual lives of children and adolescents (and emerging adults) is their parents.
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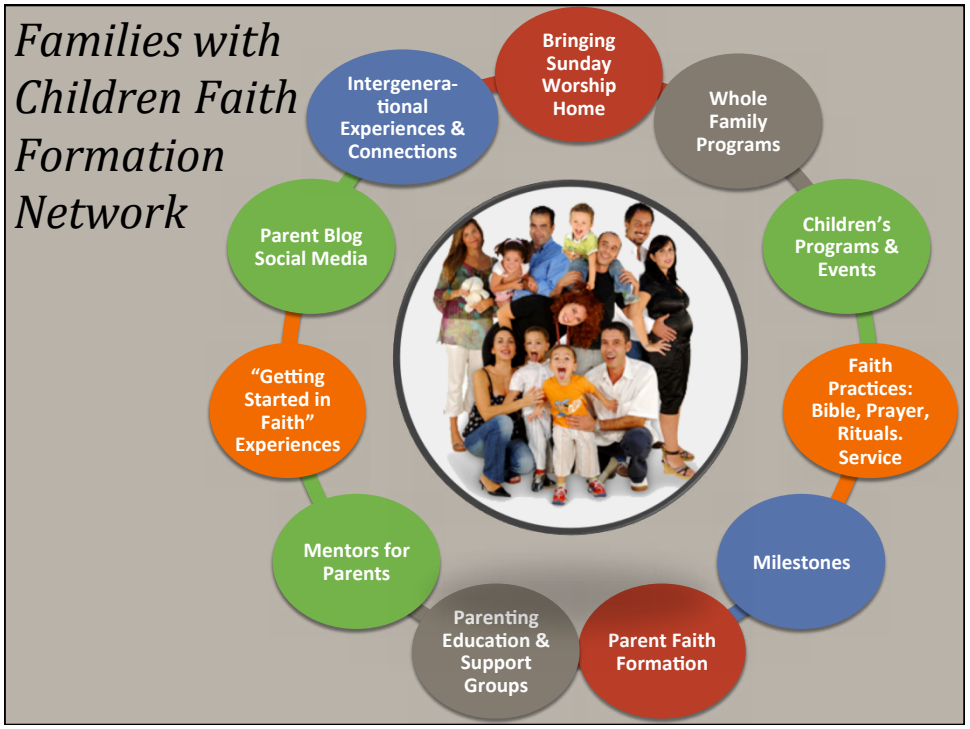
We can now reimagine where, when, and how faith formation & learning take place

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.



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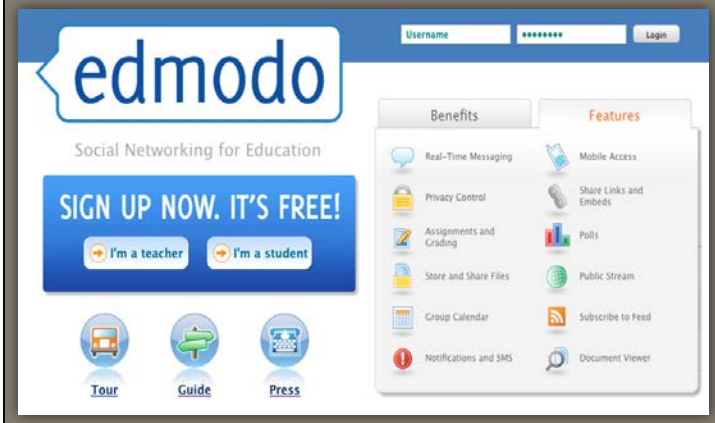

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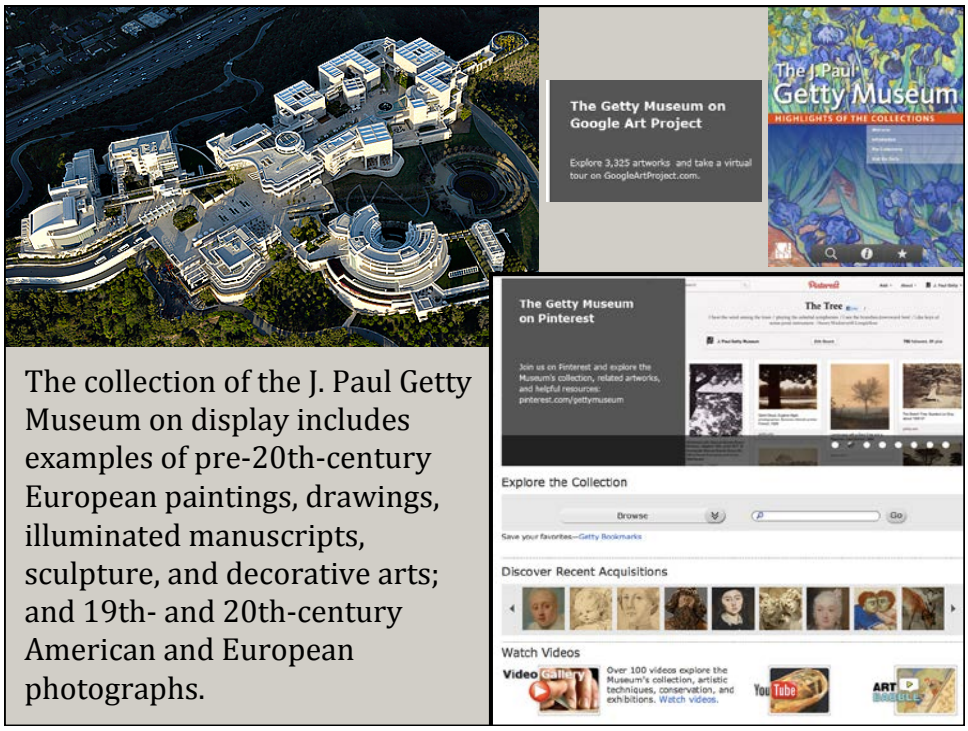

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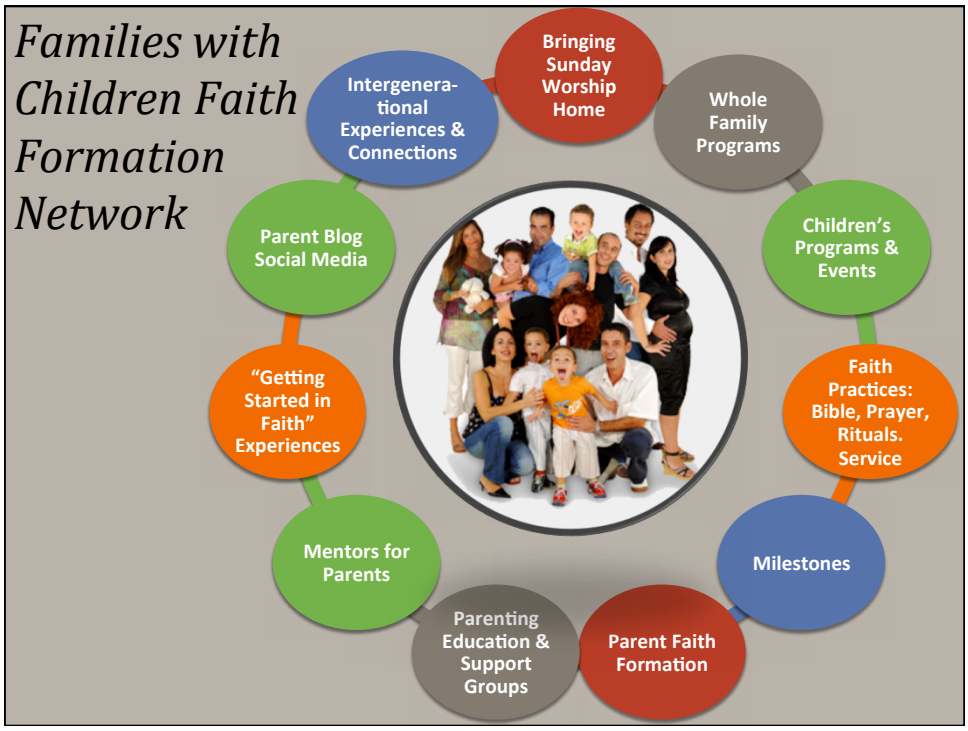

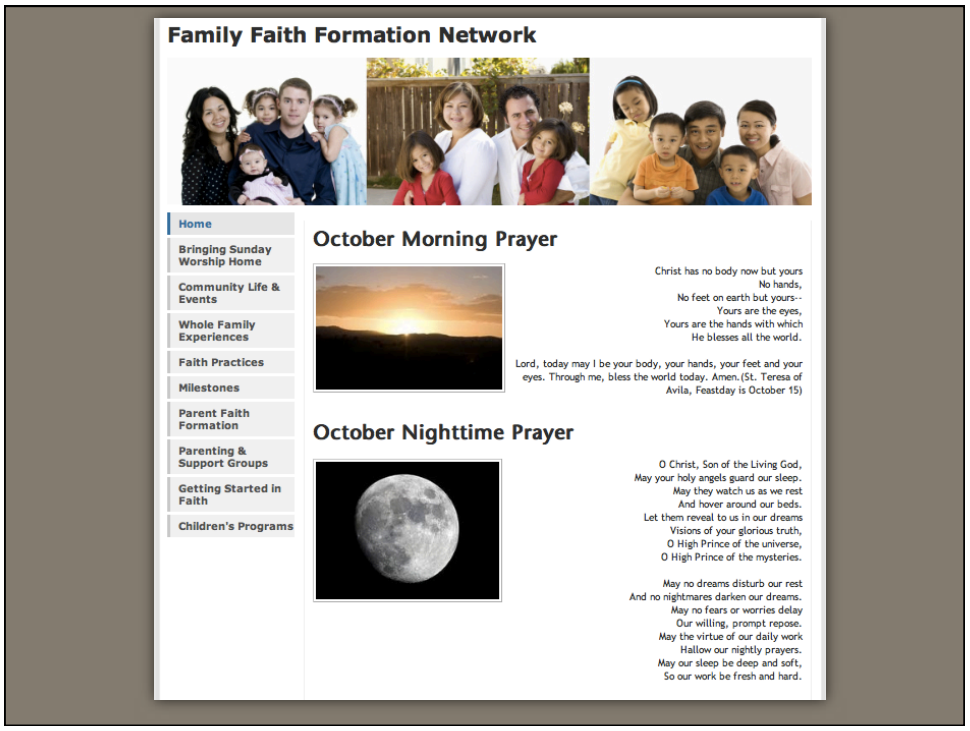

Imagine the Possibilities

- Parent network—rich with resources—for parenting, faith growth, understanding children and teens, etc.
- Online courses & video programs
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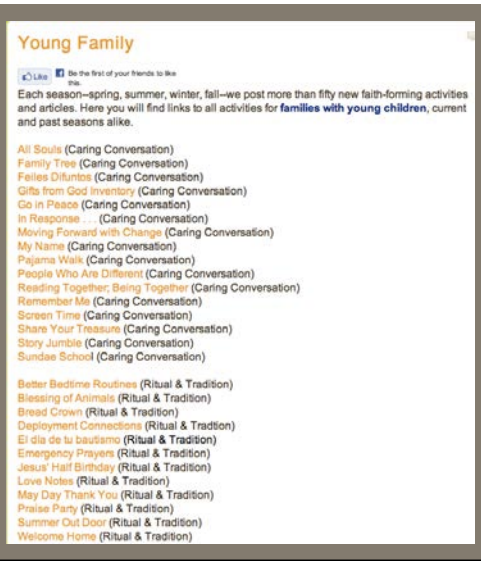

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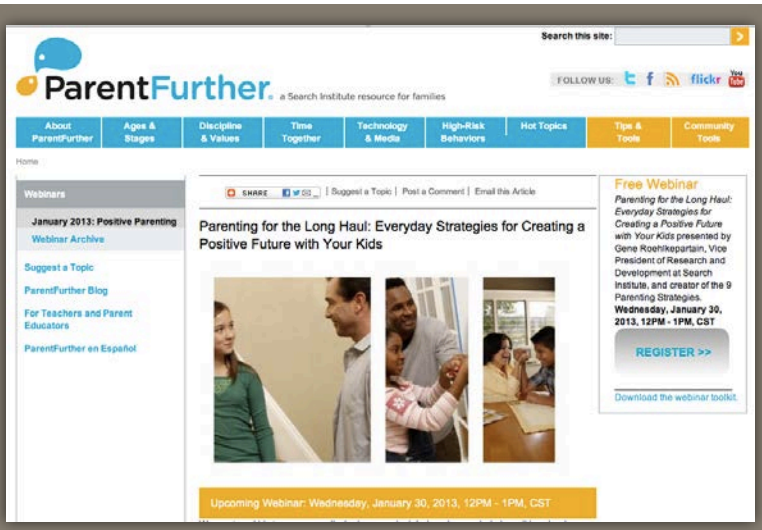

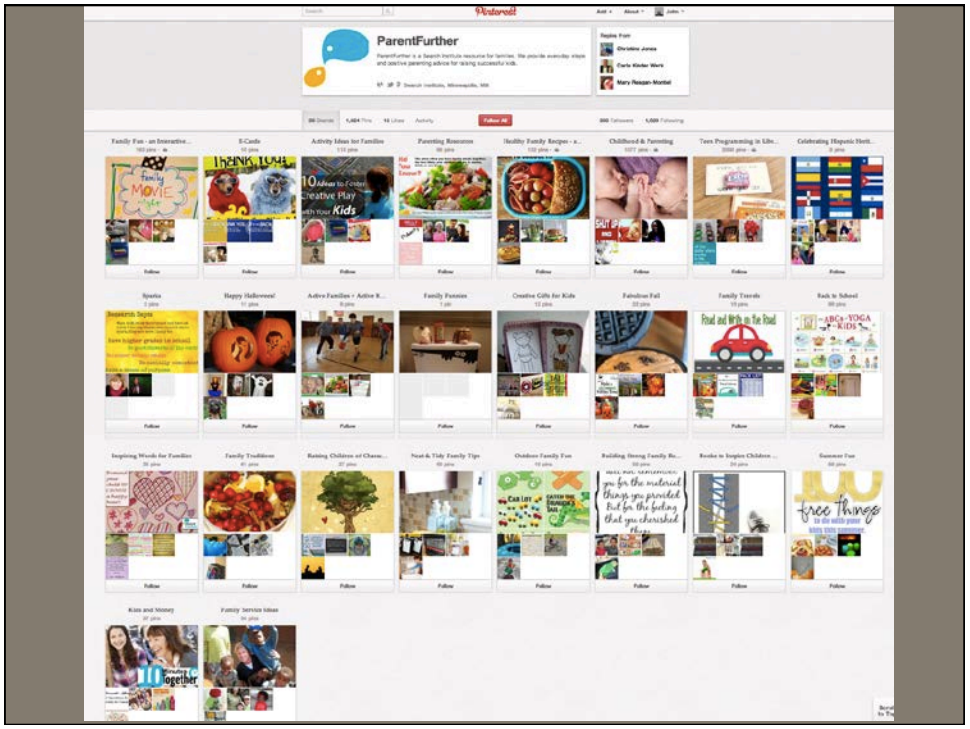

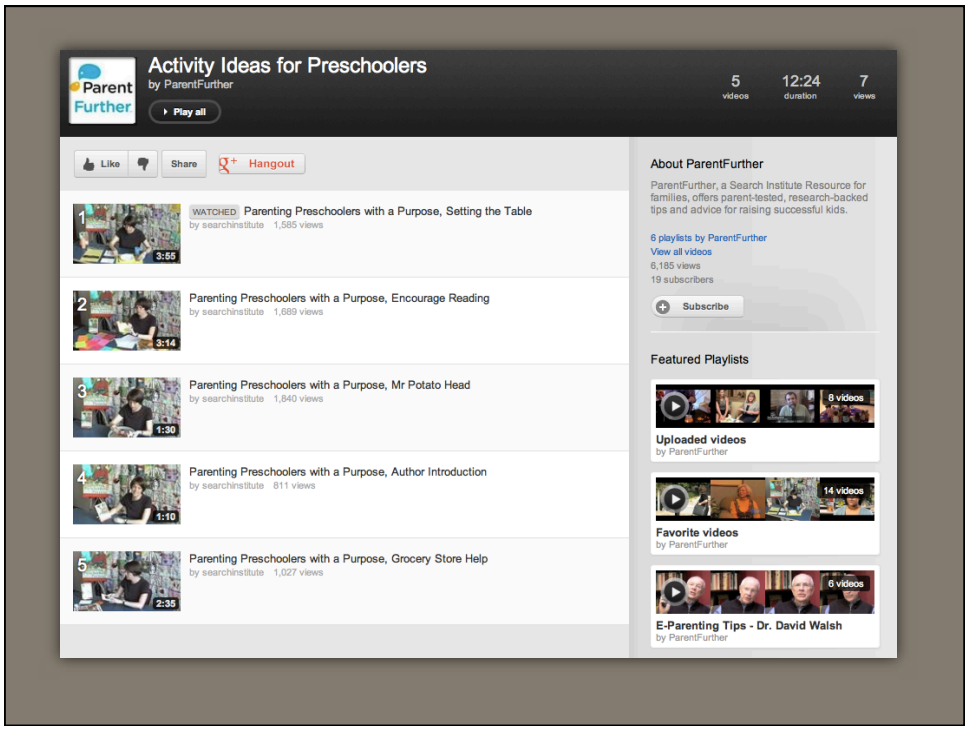
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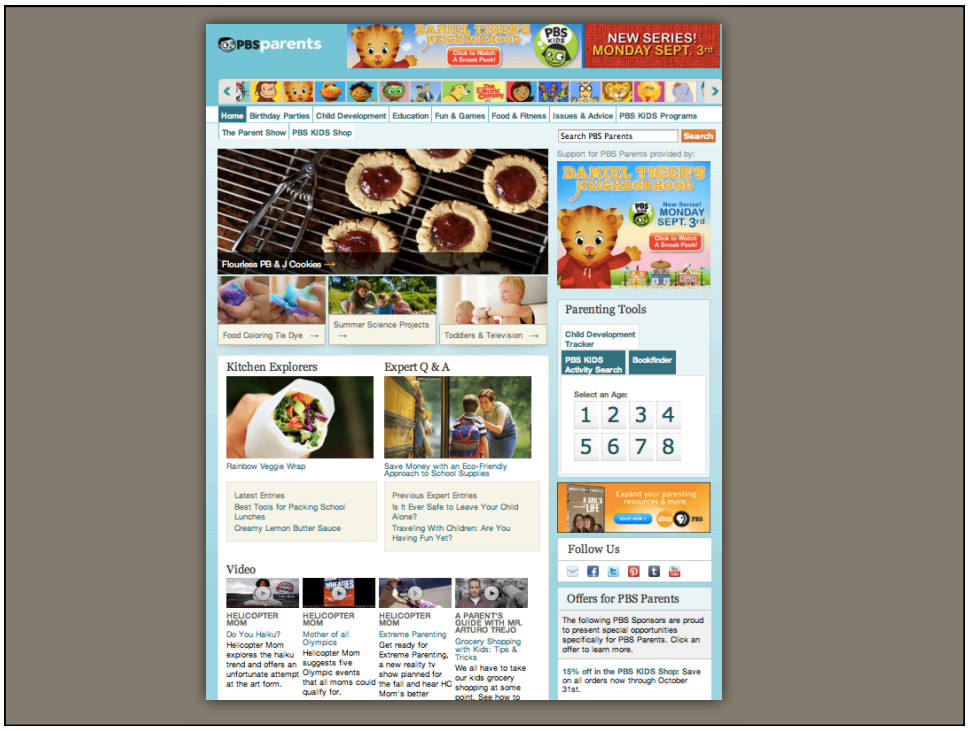
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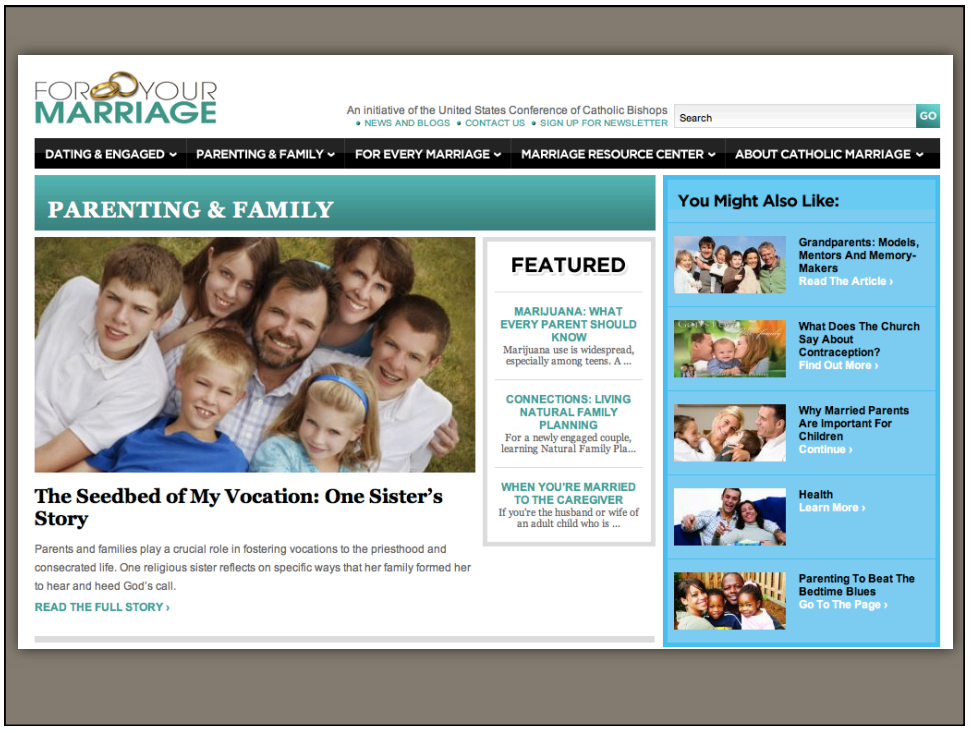
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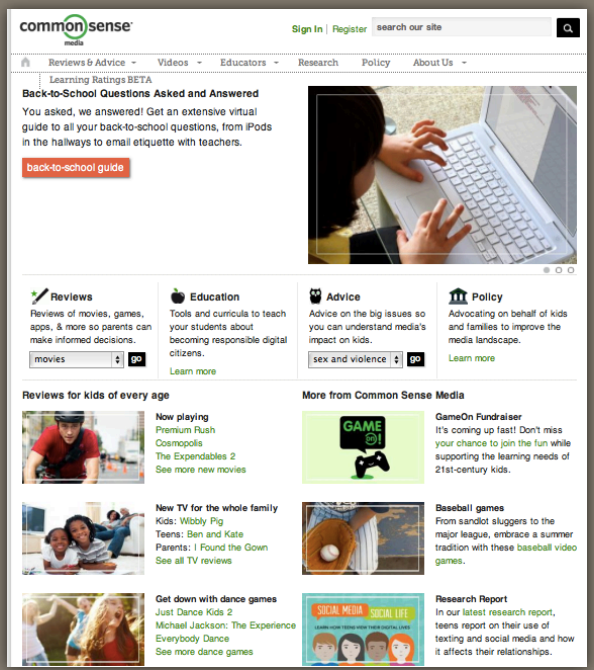
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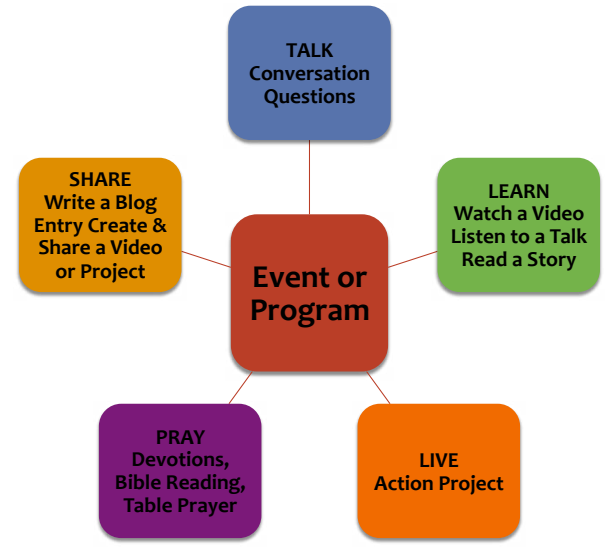

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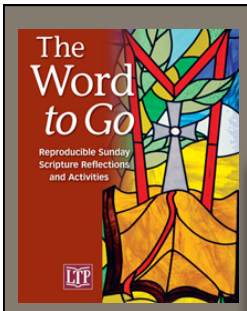

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King — *November 20, 2011*

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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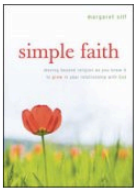


How can radically simplifying your faith actually lead to a more extraordinary experience of the Divine?
Read more ...

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Cycle B

More about the Gospel for March 25th 2012
John 12:20-33

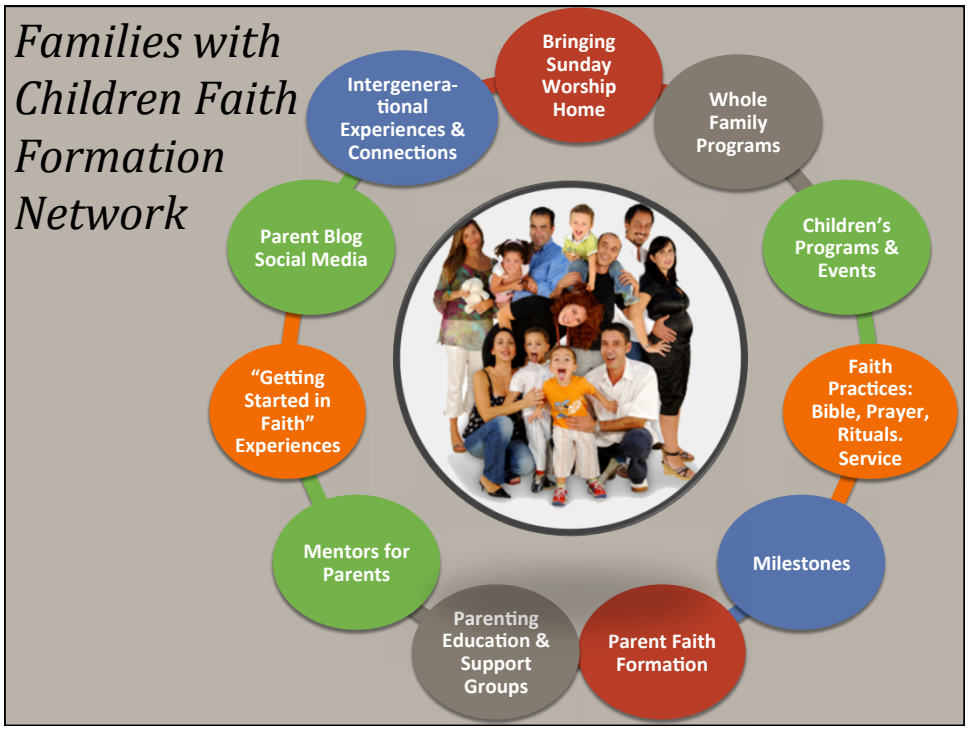
Today's Gospel reading is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. After his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice.

Read more to prepare for next Sunday's Mass.

Preparing for the Passion

Praying the Stations of the Cross -- alone or with a group -- is a Lenten tradition. Read and pray these stations very slowly. Imagine the scene in Jerusalem as Jesus walked his Way of the Cross. Often, the Stations of the Cross is an action prayer. Catholics walk to the fourteen stations of the Way of the Cross and stop to pray at each one.

View an online presentation of the *Stations of the Cross*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A New Approach to Faith Formation for All Ages & Generations
Churches today face a huge adaptive challenge in developing faith formation for the 21st century. We need a more holistic and comprehensive vision for the 21st century that is missional, formational, and transformational; that addresses the diversity of people's spiritual and religious needs; that takes place in a diversity of physical settings (churches, homes, third places) as well as virtual online settings; that utilizes a variety of formats and technologies for learning; that accesses the vast resources of religious content and experiences available today.
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