

Free Resources to Support At-Home Faith Formation For Ministry Leaders and Parents/Guardians

***** Resources will continue to be added to the list below as appropriate. For the latest updates on COVID-19 and for resources from the Archdiocese, go to <https://archatl.com/covid-19/> *****

Dear Ministry Leaders and Parents:

The Coronavirus or COVID-19 has caused many challenges for our homes, parishes, schools, and communities. Jesus reminds us especially in these times: *Be not afraid!* The Church's mission of evangelization and faith formation continues even in difficult times. Leaders and parents are being called to a new level of creativity in making use of available resources at home and online. At the same time, for parents, this is an opportunity to be renewed in the mission of being the first and primary teachers of your children. You can do this!

Below are suggestions for various resources that can assist leaders and parents in advancing faith formation and prayer in homes. We encourage parents/guardians whose children have been enrolled in a parish religious education or faith formation program to be in contact with your local Parish Catechetical Leader (Director of Religious Education, Coordinator of Religious Education, Youth Minister, etc.) for particular guidance and recommendations.

Safe Haven Sunday – Homes Should be Safe Places

When accessing and relying upon technology more frequently in the home, it is important for parents and guardians to be smart and safe with technology use. The Archdiocese of Atlanta is observing [Safe Haven Sunday](#) on March 22, 2020. Please see the resources available to help parents navigate and lower the risk of online exposure to pornography and other dangerous content. In particular, view the [video message from Bishop Konzen](#) (in [Spanish](#) by Bishop Schlesinger).

The website [Clean Heart Online](#) for the Archdiocese of Atlanta has many resources for parents, leaders, and more. In particular, sign up for a free 7-day package of email tips to help you with the latest parental control ideas for your home: [The Safe Digital Family Challenge](#). Also, if you are looking for ways to limit the digital

intake over the next several weeks, sign up for 7 days of emails (free, of course!) offering tech-free family activities and conversation starters: [Digital Detox](#).

Quick Tips for Prayer, Ministry, and Teaching in View of Coronavirus

[A Different Kind of Lent](#) (message from Bishop Konzen with a focus on making Acts of Spiritual Communion)

[St. Joseph Novena](#) (Our bishops have asked that this [Litany](#) and [Chaplet](#) be prayed for nine days starting from March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph—these prayers can be prayed any time as well!)

[What to Do When Mass is Not Available](#) (“Keeping Jesus at the Center,” Resources for families and individuals)

[29 Ways to Do Ministry when Church is Cancelled by Coronavirus](#) (video and article) – offers ideas for both parents and parish leaders for family faith formation at home.

[10 Tips for Teaching Religion Lessons to Your Children At Home](#) (article)

[Homeschool Tips For Non-Homeschoolers During Coronavirus School Closings](#) (article) - offers advice for parents and some free printable resources.

[How to Use Google Classroom for Catechesis](#) (Video Tutorial from Diocese of Charleston)

Free Supplemental Curriculum Materials and Digital Content

[FORMED: FAITH AT HOME](#) – FORMED.org is offering free content to families for forty days.

[Ignatius Press: Faith and Life Online \(Grades 1-8\), MTF: Didache Online \(Grades 9-12\)](#) – My Catholic Faith Delivered & Catholic Faith Technologies, from Ignatius Press and Midwest Theological Forum. Also see free and downloadable resources for Faith and Life [here](#).

[Sophia Institute: Teaching the Liturgical Year](#) – eLessons for Palm Sunday and the first three Sundays of Easter 2020, Sophia Institute for Teachers.

[RCL Benziger](#) – free access for 60 days to all digital curriculum for your parish. **Contact Linda Beckwith**, Sales Representative, at lbeckwith@rcbenziger.com.

[Sadlier Religion Resources](#) – various resources available for particular programs.

[Saint Mary's Press](#) – Activities, reflections, videos, and more for [children](#) and [teens](#).

[My Catholic Kids](#) – free access to their Children's Video Library.

[Tiny Saints](#) – Activities and free printables for children.

[Ministry to Children](#) – online Bible videos, games and coloring pages for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

[Lenten Activities for Children at Catholic Mom.com](#) – at-home materials such as Sunday Gospel Activities, Lenten Activities, and year round lessons.

[Vocations Lessons](#) – online curriculum that teaches students about marriage, priesthood, and consecrated life. Open access through May 8 (teacher login: vocations2020; student login: vocation2love).

[Additional Materials from Publishers including Loyola Press and Bayard Available](#) – This USCCB site provides links to other materials available through the generosity of Catholic publishers.

Select YouTube Videos for Children and Youth (*please be mindful that certain YouTube settings can be open to inappropriate or dangerous content—please check links and monitor viewing appropriately*)

[First Communion](#) – animated video for children by EWTN Ireland.

[The Mass](#) – animated video for children by EWTN Ireland.

[What Is Adoration?](#) A how-to video presented by St. Ann's Launch Children's Ministry.

Online Resources for Middle School and High School Youth

[ProjectYM Live](#) – a weekly live youth night for teens on Sunday nights.

[Life Teen](#) – full of resources!

[Catholic During COVID-19](#) – blog with recommendations on how to stay rooted in the faith during this time.

[Lectio Live](#) – a live-streamed digital small group held every Wednesday at 6pm, praying with the upcoming Sunday Mass readings.

[Ascension Presents](#) – short inspirational and informative videos for middle school and high school youth, and beyond.

[Catholic Central](#) – Entertaining and informative videos on all things Catholic, by Family Theater Productions of Holy Cross Family Ministries.

[Formation Resources through Faith and Life Online and Didache Online](#) – Catholic Faith Technologies and My Catholic Faith Delivered (as listed above).

Free Prayer Resources

[Magnificat](#) – morning prayer, daily Mass readings, reflections, saint stories, evening prayer and night prayer. Available also in [Spanish](#).

[The Word Among Us](#) – daily Mass readings and reflections. Available also in [Spanish](#).

[Give Us This Day](#) – daily Mass readings, prayers and reflections by Liturgical Press.

[Next Step: Pray Every Day](#) – resource from Evangelical Catholic. See more next steps [here](#).

[52 Sundays](#) – a guide for living out the Lord's Day from the Archdiocese of Detroit.

[Family Rosary](#) – pray the Rosary daily as a family, as Venerable Fr. Patrick Peyton promoted, *the family that prays together, stays together*.

General Resources for Ministry Leaders, Parents, and Families

[USCCB Resources and Others](#) – Resources for Prayer and Engagement during Coronavirus.

[NFCYM Resource Page](#) - a host of resources for everything from tips for working from home to managing small groups remotely, c/o the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.

[An Evangelizing Family](#) – resources and tips shared and collected by the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

Other Resources to Explore

[David Bisoño \(Spanish\)](#) – David has a daily podcast, and starting Friday, March 20, he will have a weekly TV show on YouTube. He is also starting a live daily radio show on EWTN. Check his FB page for updates.

Below are links organized under various headings with some overlap with what was shared above—some content is available for free; other content may require a subscription:

Streaming Content for the Faithful

[Ascension Presents](#)

[Busted Halo](#)

[Catholic Apostolate Center](#)

[FORMED by the Augustine Institute](#) – see free content from FORMED above.

[Redeemed Online](#)

[Wild Goose Ministry](#)

[Word on Fire \(Bishop Barron\)](#)

Other Publishers with Digital Content

[Ave Maria Press](#)

[Dynamic Catholic](#)

[Loyola Press](#)

[Magis Center](#)

[Our Sunday Visitor](#)

[Pflaum Gospel Weeklies](#)

Ministry Leader Formation Resources

Archdiocese of Atlanta:

[Office of Formation and Discipleship](#)

[ATL Youth Ministry](#)

[ATL Evangelization & Discipleship Development](#)

[Generation ATL](#)

[Revive Parishes](#) – Free content for pastors and parish leaders for 3 months.

[Diocese of Charleston Faith Formation Webinars](#)

[Ave Maria Press Webinars](#)

[NCEA Webinars](#)

[NFCYM Webinars](#)

[Sadlier Webinars](#)

[Sophia Institute for Teachers](#)

[TeamRCIA](#)

[The Pastoral Center](#)