



# Catholic Faith Formation in a Post-Pandemic World

*A Webinar Program for Designing Faith for 2021 and Beyond*

## Diocese of Cleveland

The pandemic disrupted all of life, including the ways that we have done faith formation. In the midst of the pandemic pastors and faith formation leaders have done amazingly creative work in faith formation, reaching and engaging people of all ages at home, in small groups, and online—using digital tools and methods, such as websites, digital playlists, video conferencing, streaming, online classrooms, and social media platforms. Their work was nothing short of a transformation in the *how* and *when* and *where* of faith formation.

Now as we emerge into the post-pandemic world, we can begin planning for the future of faith formation in Catholic parishes. Leaders are asking. . . .

- How have our people been changed by the pandemic? What new needs and hungers have emerged? How can we respond to their lives in the post-pandemic world?
- How do we build on the effective approaches and tools we used during the pandemic? How do we sustain our innovations into the future?
- Where are the new opportunities for forming faith? What's possible now?
- How do we build more resilient, responsive, and adaptive faith formation for the future?

This webinar program and accompanying resources from Lifelong Faith Associates seeks to answer the question:

***What will faith formation look like as we emerge from the pandemic in Fall 2021 and beyond?***

### Features

- Each webinar is 90 minutes in length with presentation, group interaction, and application activities; and conducted on Zoom.
- The program includes resources created to accompany each webinar and assist parishes in designing faith formation—all provided on the [LifelongFaith.com](https://www.lifelongfaith.com) website. Videos from each presentation will also be available after the presentation to share with your leaders and teams in the parish.

# Webinar Descriptions, Dates, and Presenters

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## Designing Hybrid Faith Formation for the Post-Pandemic World

**Wednesday, June 2, 2021**      **10:00 am – 11:30 am**  
**Presenter: John Roberto**

For decades parishes and their faith formation programming have relied on in-person, fixed-time gatherings, events, and programming offered in physical spaces. The pandemic disrupted this “default” model, and pushed us to experiment with new models. **Hybrid** models of parish life and faith formation integrate in-person gatherings at church or in family groups or small group meetings with online content with a rich menu of faith forming experiences. Hybrid models hold together two important values: the importance of in-person relationships and faith forming experiences, and the importance of being responsive to the complexity of people’s lives and their religious-spiritual needs. Hybrid models expand faith formation opportunities for everyone, allowing leaders to become much more strategic about when, where, how, and for what we gather people because we can now integrate online with in-person faith forming. This webinar presents a variety of models for developing a hybrid future for lifelong faith formation in 2021 and beyond.

**John Roberto** is the founder of Lifelong Faith Associates and has spent a lifetime working in faith formation—teaching, writing, researching, and consulting. He founded Lifelong Faith Associates in 2006 to continue his work. His latest publications include *Faith Formation with a New Generation*, *Families at the Center of Faith Formation*, *Seasons of Adult Faith Formation*, *Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century*, and *Generations Together*. He is the founder of the Center for Ministry Development (1978). His website is [www.LifelongFaith.com](http://www.LifelongFaith.com).

Register for session here: <https://forms.gle/c1bdaWDtsXqGe1rV9>

## Building Community and Relationships in the Post-Pandemic World

**Wednesday, June 23, 2021**      **10:00 am – 11:30 am**  
**Presenter: Jane Angha**

The **Building Community and Relationships** webinar inspires and equips leaders in engaging children, youth, adults, and families as they return from a time of hybrid or at home learning. So many things have happened since the pandemic began and each of us and our ministries are forever changed. We will address those changes, discover what was successful and help create a path forward to welcome, offer hospitality, build relationships and create community. We will identify the scriptural and communal foundations of hospitality, assess current efforts and look for new opportunities as we reimagine our ministries and serve those in the faith community. The webinar will offer tools and resources to assess, innovate and design simple, effective and practical ways to create a community of welcome, hospitality and engagement that brings

together everyone in the community. If we get this right, all our ministry efforts will be more successful and impactful from the start!

**Jane Angha** MTS is the founder of Ministry Blueprints, a company dedicated to hospitality, welcome and engagement training for faith communities. Jane served a Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry in Catholic parishes for over 20 years, worked as Project Coordinator for Young Neighbors in Action with the Center for Ministry Development and as a Diocesan Coordinator for Young Adult ministry in the Diocese of Green Bay. She is a national speaker, consultant, coach, teacher and trainer as well as a national conference speaker. Her website is [www.ministryblueprints.com](http://www.ministryblueprints.com).

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## Designing Children and Family Faith Formation for the Post-Pandemic World

**Wednesday, July 14, 2021**                      **10:00 am – 11:30 am**  
**Presenter: Denise Utter**

The **Children's Faith Formation** webinar engages leaders in designing faith formation with children (0-10 years old) and parents that puts the primary emphasis on their lives and needs today, and how to best nurture their grow in faith and discipleship. The webinar presents a holistic approach to faith formation with children by incorporating intergenerational, family, and age group experiences; and presents practices and strategies for designing faith formation that reinvents current programming and develops new and innovative approaches to children's faith formation.

**Denise Utter** is a freelance consultant, writer and a speaker and has been coaching with Vibrant Faith since 2018. She has worked in ministry and education for 30 years. Denise believes her work in parish and diocesan ministries informs her work today. She loves to inspire parish and diocesan leaders to reimagine faith formation, put families at the center of faith, and provide innovative approaches to faith formation and invites leaders to view the formation of parents from the perspective of calling. Denise has a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies from Catholic Theological Union.

Register for session here: <https://forms.gle/TwsFo6eMPHTrpYQv7>

## Designing Adolescent & Emerging Adult Faith Formation for the Post-Pandemic World

**Wednesday, July 28, 2021**                      **10:00 am – 11:30 am**  
**Presenter: Sarah Jarzembowski**

The **Adolescent & Emerging Adult Faith Formation** webinar engages leaders in designing faith formation with youth and emerging adults (high school through the 20s) that puts the primary emphasis on their lives and needs today, and how to best nurture their growth in faith and discipleship. This webinar explores the unique life tasks, needs, interests, and spiritual journeys of youth and emerging adults today; and presents practices and strategies for designing faith formation in today's that reinvents current programming and develops new and innovative approaches to faith formation.

**Sarah Jarzembowski** is a native of Philadelphia, with a BA from Wagner College in New York, she began her church career in the Archdiocese of Chicago where she met her husband Paul and is currently working toward her Masters of Pastoral Studies with the Loyola Institute for Ministry. Sarah began her ministry volunteering for religious education in her home parish and participating in retreat leadership at a young age. Sarah has worked in youth and young adult ministries in the parish, college and diocesan levels including the Diocese of Joliet and most recently for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Sarah has spoken at numerous conferences and workshops across the country.

Register for session here: <https://forms.gle/AeV1B3LQS21F7GHC8>