

**Subject:** NEW and UPDATED - Coronavirus and Digital Resources for PCLs

Dear Colleagues in the Catechetical Ministry,

We have compiled a new and updated list of resources and offerings from some of our publishers/partners in the catechetical ministry. We hope this information will be of help to you as you navigate new ways to help our families and parishioners grow in faith at home. Let us continue to pray for one another.

**NEW! VIBRANT FAITH – Moving Faith Formation Online FREE Webinars** – Facilitator: John Roberto

Most churches have canceled gathered faith formation programs and Sunday worship to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus in their communities. But that doesn't mean faith formation needs to stop. One way we can respond is to move faith formation online and into people's homes and personal lives. This webinar will explore practical strategies to help you and your church move online. The webinar will address: 1) The Digital Tools You Need to Move Online, 2) Strategies for Online Programming, and 3) The Abundance of Digital Resources for Moving Faith Formation Online.

TWO DATES TO CHOOSE FROM – click on the date of your preference to register.

[Tuesday, March 24 from 10am to 11:30am \(EST\)](#)

[Friday, March 27 from 12 noon to 1:30 pm \(EST\)](#)

**Moving Faith Formation Online PDF by John Roberto** – [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)

Includes:

- Digital Tools and Strategies for Online Programming
- Online resources for child, adolescent, family, and adult faith formation
  
- Sunday Worship & Lectionary-Based Faith Formation

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION - Prayer at Home Resources:**

- [Reflection and Prayer During Coronavirus](#)
- [Online daily Mass from Bishop Barron's chapel \(celebrated either by Bishop Barron or by Fr. Steve Grunow, CEO of Word on Fire\).](#)
- [Online Rosary](#)
- [Praying Together As A Family Resources](#)
- [Families with Children - Home Activities](#)
- Living Faith Daily Catholic Devotions - Complimentary Access To Living Faith Reflections
  - [Living Faith](#)
  - [La Fe Viva](#)
  - [Living Faith Kids](#)

**Resources on The Order of Mass and Spiritual Communion**

(in light of the suspension of the public celebration of Mass in the Archdiocese of Newark)

- [Order of Mass and the Act of Spiritual Communion for adults and children in both English and bilingual Spanish/English.](#)
- [Here's How to Make a Spiritual Communion](#)
- [¿Qué es la comunión espiritual?](#)
- [Anima Christi Prayer](#) in English
- [Anima Christi Prayer](#) in Spanish

**For parents:** [Talking to Children About COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\): A Parent Resource](#)  
[Hable con sus hijos sobre el COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) - Un recurso para padres](#)

### **NEW! THE PASTORAL CENTER - Resources for Ministering amidst Coronavirus**

The online Pastoral Center is offering free downloadable resources for the coronavirus shutdown. We see this as a great opportunity to send faith home, encourage families to pray together, and empower parents. Resources can be emailed to the people of your faith community: Free family Sunday services, faith-oriented coronavirus handouts, lectionary reflections + a free pastoral leader guide. [CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THESE FREE RESOURCES.](#)

### **NEW! ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

#### **RENEW INTERNATIONAL - Till We Meet Again: Five Ways to Keep Your Small Groups Connected**

Sr. Terry Rickard, President of RENEW International, presents this webinar on 5 ways to keep your small group connected during this difficult and challenging time. We may be practicing social distancing, but our hearts and spirits need to be united more than ever. Please contact the organizer for more information: [milissae@renewintl.org](mailto:milissae@renewintl.org).

### **For the RCIA - TeamRCIA**

#### **YouTube Video - [The RCIA rites of Christian initiation and the Triduum during Coronavirus restrictions](#)**

Many communities might not be able to gather to celebrate the Triduum this year because of Coronavirus precautions. What does this mean for the RCIA rites of initiation that usually take place at the Easter Vigil? In this video, we look at some options that the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults gives us and explore some ways to adapt our usual practice for this very unusual time.

### **PARISH CATALYST – COVID 19 - A Parish Response Webinar**

How can you best respond to the Covid 19 crisis? Learn from parish leaders and experts around the country: innovative ideas for streaming mass, online giving and digital discipleship. [CLICK HERE FOR THE YOUTUBE VIDEO OF THIS WEBINAR.](#)

### **FORMED – Faith at Home**

In an effort to assist Catholics everywhere, we are opening our doors to make the FORMED platform **free to everyone for the next 40 days**. Sign up today and get immediate access to many Catholic movies, faith formation videos, audio talks, and children's videos. [CLICK HERE TO ACCESS FORMED](#).

### **From Publishers (NEW and UPDATED):**

**PFLAUM** (Vince Lunetta – Sales Representative - [vlunetta@pflaum.com](mailto:vlunetta@pflaum.com))

Pflaum understands that many parishes and schools have been directed to or have chosen to cancel in-person classes due to developments arising from the coronavirus COVID-19. In light of the challenge this poses, we are offering the remaining lessons of Pflaum Gospel Weeklies free to everyone via digital access (English and Spanish) [Click HERE for instructions](#).

For non-customers wishing to use the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies at no cost, call 1-800-543-4383.

Here are some other family resources available at no cost (email to register, resources are free):

- [Resources for Families page of our Gospel Weeklies website](#)
- [Together in Jesus Sacrament Preparation](#) resources for families
- [Gifted With the Spirit Confirmation \(Junior and Senior High\)](#)
- [Children Celebrate \(Children's Liturgy of the Word\)](#) - Sunday Readings from the Lectionary for Masses with Children. Parents can read at home with their children.

**OUR SUNDAY VISITOR** (Robin Kennovin – Sales Representative - [rkennovin@osv.com](mailto:rkennovin@osv.com))

OSV will be contacting ALL Alive in Christ & Encounter with Christ customers with information and links to all the online & digital resources that are available to them on the [Alive in Christ](#) & [Encounter with Christ](#) websites. There are NO ADDITIONAL FEES associated with the use of FREE online resources.

**LOYOLA PRESS** (Matthew DeCaux | Educational Consultant | [decaux@loyolapress.com](mailto:decaux@loyolapress.com))

From all of us at Loyola Press, our thoughts and prayers are with those affected by the COVID-19 virus. As a Catholic publisher, our mission is to provide you with the resources you need to facilitate transformative experiences of God for the children and families you serve. In light of the current situation, we would like to remind you that as a *Finding God* customer, you have numerous, free, at-home family resources available, including at-home, parent-led lesson plans. We understand that interruptions in faith formation due to unanticipated events such as school or parish closures can impact children's spiritual development as well as their need for stability and consistency. Our resources can help children stay engaged in their faith journey, provide them valuable learning experiences, and offer continuity in Christ during this challenging time.

#### **Finding God Customers:**

Parents can always access at-home resources at [www.findinggod.com/family](http://www.findinggod.com/family).

- **At-Home Editions:** These guides allow parents to conduct catechesis with their children in the home. For families with children in multiple grades using *Finding God*, utilize this [Parent Quick Guide](#).
- **Interactive Session Reviews:** Session reviews allow children, parents, and instructors to gauge learning objectives. Results can be emailed to a teacher or catechist along with student questions.
- **Study Guides:** Single page study guides outline important faith topics in each session.

- **Raising Faith-Filled Kids:** For parents who may not have the time or confidence to teach a full lesson, this resource provides background on the session and encourages parents to discuss faith topics with their children.

If you find that your students are without their *Finding God* books and are in need of additional access to online resources, including digital textbooks or online assessments, please reach out to your [Educational Consultant](#) or call customer service at 1 (800) 621-1008.

### **Christ Our Life Customers:**

Parents can always access at-home resources at [www.christourlife.com/family](http://www.christourlife.com/family).

- **At-Home Editions:** These guides allow parents to conduct catechesis with their children in the home.
- **Interactive Chapter Reviews:** Chapter reviews allow children, parents, and instructors to gauge learning objectives. Results can be emailed to a teacher or catechist along with student questions.
- **Study Guides:** Single page study guides outline important faith topics in each chapter.
- **Faith-Filled Games:** Games such as Stump the Shepherd, Jesus' Jigsaw, and Seek the Word allow children to continue to explore their faith no matter where they are.

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### **Coronavirus Response Lesson**

To help schools and parishes provide continuity for their students and be constructively proactive no matter where children are spending their days, Loyola Press has created a special lesson as a companion to Growing with God: Safe and Sacred™ child safety and Catholic family living program. This Coronavirus Response Lesson helps educators, catechists, or parents discuss the COVID-19 virus with children and teach them valuable skills. This lesson offers prevention and mitigation techniques based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance and includes a faith component to remind children of God's unconditional love for them.

The Coronavirus Response Lesson includes:

- A faith-filled animated hygiene video
- A double-sided student worksheet
- Three pages of teacher instruction and scripting
- An informative lesson resource