

The pandemic disrupted all of life, including the ways that we formed our people in faith. In the midst of the pandemic pastors and faith formation leaders were forced to adapt, and many of them did 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, when and where of faith formation.



Now as we slowly 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?*

These workshops, webinars and accompanying resources from Lifelong Faith Associates seek to answer the question:

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

## **WHO IS THE TARGET AUDIENCE FOR THIS SERIES...AND WHY?**

Just as our world is forever changed by this pandemic, so too should our approach to planning for faith formation be.

This series provides parish faith formation leaders for all age groups an opportunity to ***explore and plan together***, and develop a ***unified vision*** and a ***collaborative approach and practice*** to forming faith across the ages.

The series is designed especially for faith formation leaders

***(Pastors, Parochial Vicars, Deacons, C/DREs, Youth Ministry Directors/Coordinators, RCIA Directors/Coordinators, Confirmation Coordinators)***

and members of the structures that support/oversee them.

***(Parish Councils, Boards/Commissions/Committees for Religious Education, Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, etc.).***

Anyone who fills any of these roles is welcome to attend.

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## **PROGRAM FEES**

Two pricing options are available for this series:

- **Parish Ticket.** For one flat fee of \$275, parishes can send as many people as they want to all 3 webinars and the 2 workshops. *(Fee includes materials for all events, and up to 2 lunches/workshop. Additional lunches are available for \$10/person.)*
- **Individual Ticket.** \$45/person/workshop *(includes lunch and materials)*; \$25/person/webinar *(includes materials)*

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# Catholic Faith Formation

IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD



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# WORKSHOPS

## Foundations for Faith Formation in a Post-Pandemic World

Thursday, February 24, 2022 – 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

St. Patrick Church, Iowa City – Presenter: Jane Angha

MORNING SESSION: **Building Community and Relationships.** This pandemic has forever changed us and our ministries, and the path forward is dependent on creating a new sense and practice of hospitality. This session identifies the scriptural and communal foundations of hospitality, and offers tools and resources to assess 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!

AFTERNOON SESSION: **Formation for Christian Living in a New World.** The pandemic has affected our lives in ways that we have only begun to name. We are searching anew for meaning and purpose and are asking: “How shall we live now?” So what are the approaches, resources, people, and wisdom we need to address this important question? One approach is to focus on forming people in the practices of the Christian way of life, and this session will present the vision and tools for designing formation programs, and give examples of curriculum approaches, program designs, and learning activities, that do just that.

## Transforming Faith Formation for All Ages in a Post-Pandemic World

Thursday, April 28, 2022– 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

St. Patrick Church, Iowa City – Presenter: John Roberto

MORNING SESSION: **Designing Faith Formation Programming for All Ages in a Hybrid World.** The pandemic disrupted our “default” faith formation model of in-person, fixed-time gatherings, programs, and events, and pushed us to experiment with hybrid models integrating in-person gatherings with a online content and experiences. These models balance the importance of in-person relationships and experiences with being responsive to the complexity of people’s lives and their religious-spiritual needs, and allow us to be more strategic about when, where, how, and for what we gather people. This session presents models for developing a hybrid future for lifelong faith formation.

AFTERNOON SESSION: **Planning for the Future of Faith Formation in Your Parish.** This work session guides parish teams in developing a plan for their faith formation that incorporates age groups, family, and intergenerational programming with the new approaches and tools for hybrid faith formation. The goal is to help each parish build a plan, build capacity for implementing the plan (support systems, resources, people, etc.), and develop the strategies for implementing the plan.

# WEBINARS

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

Thursday, March 10, 2022 - 10:00 – 11:30 am

Presenter: Catzel LaVecchia

This webinar engages leaders in designing faith formation with children (0-10 years old) and parents that places the primary emphasis on their lives and needs today, and how to best nurture their growth 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.

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

Thursday, March 24, 2022 10:00 – 11:30 am

Presenter: Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP

This webinar presents effective practices and approaches for faith formation with each season of adulthood - young adults, midlife adults, mature adults, and older adults – and the skills to design faith formation to address their unique life stages. The webinar presents strategies, programs, and activities for faith formation using online, hybrid, and gathered models of programming.

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

Thursday, April 7, 2022 10:00 – 11:30 am

Presenter: Catzel LaVecchia

This webinar engages leaders in designing faith formation with younger and older adolescents (middle school and high school) 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 adolescents today; and presents practices and strategies for designing faith formation in today's world that reinvents current programming and develops new and innovative approaches to faith formation.

# PRESENTERS



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

**Catherine (Catzel) LaVecchia** is Director of Lifelong Learning at Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, NJ. She has served in various capacities for the past 30 years, including youth ministry, family faith formation, and lifelong faith formation. Catzel is most passionate about parish ministries, ministering to the differently-abled, and creating effective and meaningful faith formation opportunities for all ages. She has a Masters Degree in Pastoral Ministry and Religious Education and a Certificate in Church Management from Villanova’s Center for Church Management.



**John Roberto** is the founder of Lifelong Faith Associates and has spent a lifetime working in faith formation—teaching, writing, researching, and consulting. 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).

**Sister Janet Schaeffler** is an Adrian Dominican Sister who has worked in parish and diocesan faith formation ministry. She is currently a consultant for adult faith formation and a presenter. The author of hundreds of articles and several publications including *Deepening Faith: Adult Faith Formation in the Parish* (Liturgical Press, 2016), she teaches online courses at Boston College and the University of Dayton. She publishes GEMS - a monthly newsletter flowing from an ongoing international adult faith formation best practices study. Her website is [www.janetschaeffler.com](http://www.janetschaeffler.com).

