

DIOCESE OF ST. CLOUD BOOK DISCUSSION

ENGAGE EVERY FAMILY

A Parish Guide to Integrated Faith Formation

Book Discussion – June 22, 29, July 13 & 20

10:00am – 11:00am Central Time

Followed by optional Q & A with the author

WELCOME!

Welcome to this book discussion. This study guide is meant simply as that – just a guide. I want to spend time discussing whatever might be most helpful for you. Ask your own questions; offer your own reflections. Let's dig in!

AT A GLANCE

WEEK ONE: JUNE 22

Part 2: Chapters 3 & 4 / Guiding Essentials

WEEK TWO: JUNE 29

Part 1: Focused primarily on Chapter 2
Lessons 1–3 (What's Working)

WEEK THREE: JULY 13

Part 1: Chapter 2 Lessons 4–6 (What's Working)

WEEK FOUR: JULY 20

Part 3: Chapters 5 & 6 / Vision and Design

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Part 3 of *Engage Every Family* looks at where we might begin as we imagine a family-centered approach to faith formation in our parishes. We look to the vision of the Church and to models and methods, as we prepare to design faith formation for families today.

AGENDA:

PRAYER

SHARED EXPERIENCE/STORYTELLING continued

- Lesson 5: Encourage Families to Create Plans & Share Experiences
- Lesson 6: Build or Strengthen Community through Storytelling

PRAYER, FORMATION, & VISION

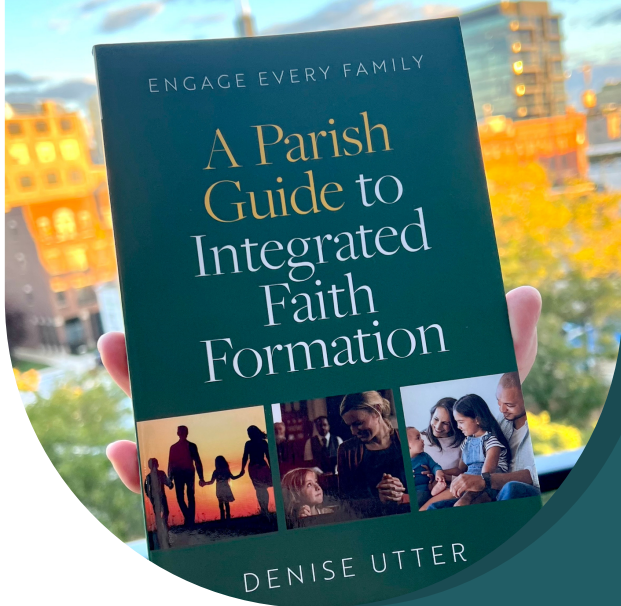
DESIGNING FOR FAMILIES

EXPLORATION & DISCUSSION

VISION

DIRECTORY FOR CATECHESIS #124

"Believing parents, with their daily example of life, have the most effective capacity to transmit the beauty of the Christian faith to their children. "Enabling families to take up their role as active agents of the family apostolate calls for 'an effort at evangelization and catechesis inside the family.'" The greatest challenge in this situation is for couples, mothers and fathers, active participants in catechesis, to overcome the mentality of delegation that is so common, according to which the faith is set aside for specialists in religious education. This mentality is, at times, fostered by communities that struggle to organize family centered catechesis which starts from the families themselves."



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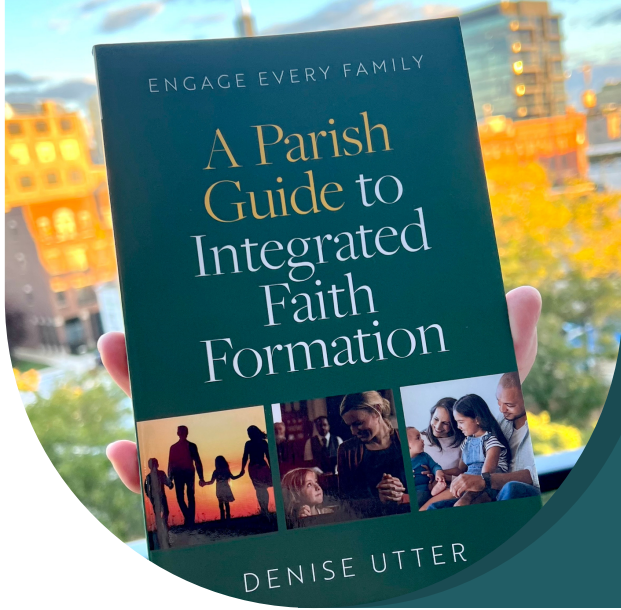
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PART THREE - CHAPTER FIVE

1. Who do you collaborate with? Who's around the table?
2. How do you build that team?
3. How does your team pray together?
4. How do you form your team in a vision of faith formation that engages families?
5. Do you have an articulated vision for lifelong faith formation for your parish? If you do, as you review it, does it articulate what you would want it to say? If it does not, how might you change it?
6. If you do not have an articulated vision for your faith formation program, what steps could you take to create one?
7. Once you have articulated your vision, how might you share that vision and build support for it in your parish?
8. Where does the question "what if?" lead you?
9. What resonates in chapter five? What challenges you? Or what would you challenge?

PART THREE - CHAPTER SIX

1. What from this chapter sparks curiosity?
2. Is there any resistance that rises within you? If so, where does it come from?
3. If not resistance, is there anything that is still challenging you?
4. What encourages you?
5. What will you hang on to? What do you need to let go of?
6. What resonates in chapter six? What challenges you? Or what would you challenge?



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