

## Engage Every Family - The Book Club Resource

*Engage Every Family: A Parish Guide to Integrated Faith Formation* can be found here at [Twenty-Third Publications](#) or [Amazon](#).

Denise Utter's most recent publication, [\*Faith Talks, Prayers and Easy Activities for Raising Catholic Kids\*](#) reminds parents of God's ongoing, tangible presence in the life of the family. Here, she offers loads of tips, tools, and ideas to help recognize and celebrate your Catholic faith every day. With prayers, reflection questions, and activities for young children through the teen years, this little booklet is a treasure trove of faith practices and faith conversations – for your home.

## Resources Mentioned

Engage during Advent: <https://www.familieslivingfaith.com/engage-during-advent.html>

## PLAYLISTS

### Digital Playlists or "Flexible Curriculum" for Advent (from the page above)

- [Living Advent by Kristi Quinlan](#) (*Diocese of Des Moines*)
- [St. Jude Advent Playlist](#) 2017 - a template (*St. Jude, New Lenox, IL*)
- [Ten Family Advent Traditions to Try This Year](#) (*Ascension Press*)
- [Launch Faith](#) (Kathy Pittinger) Examples of Advent playlists and other faith formation playlists, and suggestions for how-to develop playlists
- [Michigan Conference, The United Methodist Church playlists](#)

### Video introduction to playlists from Lifelong

Faith - <https://www.lifelongfaith.com/playlists.html>

*Other playlist labs (meaning - works in progress as labs for workshops):*

<https://designingfaith.weebly.com/digital-playlists.html>

<https://artprayer.weebly.com/> (ideas more than exact playlist)

## FAITH CONVERSATIONS

You can find some conversation starters in the playlists but here are some other resources focused on **faith conversations and faith practices** (I will add more this week).

52 Sundays for 2023 - <https://www.52sundays.com/sundays/january-1-2023>

Current year from 52 Sundays -

- <https://2022.52sundays.com/sundays/december-4-2022>
- and in Spanish - <https://2022.52sundays.com/sundays/4-de-diciembre-de-2022>

Connection Cards from Family Faith Collective

- <https://faithandfamilycollective.com/products/connection-cards>

Vibrant Faith's Visual Faith digital download - <https://vibrantfaith.org/product/visual-faith/>

## FAMILY INVENTORIES

**Examples of family inventory/interviews:**

One example from [Faith and Family Life Catholic Ministries - Pathways](#)

- Description and suggestions - <https://www.fflcm.org/familyinterviewandinventory>
- Leader Guide  
- [https://www.fflcm.org/files/ugd/daee19\\_c25b7296afd34fe7b19333811601948f.pdf](https://www.fflcm.org/files/ugd/daee19_c25b7296afd34fe7b19333811601948f.pdf)

And from Strategic Families - <https://strategicfamilies.com/family-inventory/>

## MORE RESOURCES

### Articles

Catechesis and Evangelization

- ["52 Ways Your Church Can Encourage At-Home Faith Formation"](#) from Faith Formation Ministries at The Network, an online community of the Christian Reformed Church of North America - a free download included (2019)
- ["Advice from a Master Catechist: Beginning Family-Based Catechesis in a Parish"](#) - from Laurie Mueller, Sue Klejeski, and Deb Lindahl for [Catechist.com](#) (2019)
- ["Catechetical Leadership: On Family Faith Formation in the Parish"](#) by Douglas Beaumont (2019)
- ["Five Ways to Engage Families as Partners in Ministry"](#) by Brad Griffin for Fuller Youth Institute (2107)
- ["The Impact of Our Parents"](#) - a video article from the Faith Formation Team at St. Gabrielle Church, Charlotte (2022)
- ["Practical Ways to Help Families Nurture Faith at Home"](#) from Keith Johnson from Eden Prairie, MN for [ChildrensMinistry.com](#) (2022)
- ["Six Shifts to Better Family Engagement"](#) from Search Institute (2022)

### Change and Leadership

- ["8 Key Leadership Tasks for Navigating Change at Church"](#) by Kurt Andre for Aspen Group (2019)

### The Faith of Children, Youth, and/or Their Parents

- ["Ask Your Father and He Will Tell You": A Report on American Catholic Religious Parenting](#) - This report, a partnership between the McGrath Institute for Church Life at Notre Dame and Christian Smith, sociologist and former director of the Center for

the Study of Religion and Society, examines the crucial role of parents in shaping the religious commitment of their children. It is a must-read for pastors, parish staff, and parents who are concerned about the passing of Catholicism to the next generation (2016)

- ["The Catholic Family: 21st Century Challenges in the U.S"](#) - A Special Report by Mark M. Gray, Ph.D for CARA and Holy Cross Family Ministries (2015)
- ["From Families at the Center of Faith Formation"](#) by John Roberto for Lifelong Faith (2016)
- ["Religious Disaffiliation is Rising. Is there a Path Back to the Fold?"](#) Author Ryan Burge, for Deseret News, excerpted from his book *The Nones: Where They Came From, Who They Are, and Where They Are Going* (2021)
- ["Study Asks: Why Are Young Catholics Going, Going, Gone?"](#) by Julie Bourbon for National Catholic Reporter (January 2018)

### Faith Formation for All Ages

- ["8 Ideas to Try with Intergenerational Small Groups"](#) by Karen DeBoer for *The Network*, an online community of the Christian Reformed Church of North America (2017)
- ["Church, Your Families Need Help \(And Adding More Programs Isn't the Answer\)"](#) by Karen De Boer for *The Network*, an online community of the Christian Reformed Church of North America (2019)
- ["Installing a Family Faith Formation Program"](#) - What is a family faith formation program; why would you install one at your parish; and how would you do it? Listen to people who have done it, to priests who have supported it, to parents and even children who have participated in it. A video article from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Parish of St. Anthony on the Lake in Pewaukee, Wisconsin, produced by Maréh Content Production (2019)

## For Leaders and Parents

- ["100+ Mealtimes Questions"](#) by Focus on the Family Canada
- ["Discussion Starters for Families"](#) from Search Institute (2015)
- ["Parents Are Not Okay"](#) by Dan Sinker for The Atlantic (2021)
- ["Parents' Ultimate Guide to Google Classroom"](#) from Common Sense Media (2021)
- ["Weekly Family Meetings: How To + Agenda + Ideas"](#) by Traci Smith (2022)

## Serving Together & Catholic Social Teaching

- ["Engaging the Next Generation of Catholic Philanthropists Will Mean Leaning into the Church's Social Justice Tradition"](#) by Michael J. O'Loughlin for America Magazine (2021)

## Books

### Accompaniment (as modeled by Jesus in the Gospels)

- *Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom* by John O'Donohue (New York: Harper Collins, 1977)
- *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)* from Pope Francis (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2016)
- *Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)* from Pope Francis (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2016)
- *Sacred Companions: The Gift of Spiritual Friendship and Direction* by David Benner (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2002)

## Catechesis and Evangelization

- *Directory for Catechesis: A Guide to the Proclamation of the Gospel by the Christian Faithful* from the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2020)
- *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus* by Sherry Weddell (Huntington, IN: Our Sunday Visitor, 2012)
- *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us* from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1999)
- *Outreach to the Unaffiliated* from the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2020)
- *Your Parish is the Curriculum: RCIA in the Midst of the Community* by Diana Macalintal (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2018)

## Change and Leadership

- *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory* by Tod Bolsinger (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2018)
- *The Culture Code: The Secrets of Highly Successful Groups* by Daniel Coyle (New York: Bantam Books, 2018)
- *Digital Ministry and Leadership in Today's Church* by John Roberto (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2022)

- *The Land Between: Finding God in Difficult Transitions* by Jeff Manion (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2012)
- *Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future* from Pope Francis (New York: Simon & Schuster, 2020)
- *Oneing, Liminal Space* by Richard Rohr and others (Albuquerque, NM: Center for Action and Contemplation, 2020)
- *Start with Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action* by Simon Sinek (New York: Penguin Group, 2009)

### The Faith of Children, Youth, and/or Their Parents

- *Christ Is Alive (Christus Vivit)* from Pope Francis (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2019)
- *Going, Going, Gone: The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics* by Robert McCarty (Winona, MN: St. Mary's Press, 2017)
- *Holy Work with Children: Making Meaning Together* by Tanya Campen (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2021)
- *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers* by Christian Smith and Melinda Lundquist Denton (New York: Oxford University Press, 2009)

### Faith Formation for All Ages

- *Families at the Center of Faith Formation* by John Roberto, Leif Kehrwald, et al (Naugatuck, CT: Lifelong Faith Publications, 2016)
- *Generations Together: Caring, Praying, Learning, Celebrating, & Serving Faithfully* by Kathie Amidei, James Merhaut, and John Roberto (Naugatuck, CT: Lifelong Faith Publications, 2014)

- *Lifelong Faith: Formation for All Ages and Generations* by John Roberto (New York: Church Publishing, 2022)
- *Portraits of Adult Jewish Learning: Making Meaning at Many Tables* by Diane Tickton Schuster (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2022)

### For Leaders and Parents

- *Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home* by Traci Smith (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2017)
- *Helping Teens with Stress, Anxiety, and Depression: A Field Guide for Catholic Parents, Pastors, and Youth Leaders* by Roy Petitfils (Notre Dame: Ave Maria Press, 2019)

### Serving Together & Catholic Social Teaching

- *A Church on the Move: 52 Ways to Get Mission and Mercy in Motion* by Joe Paprocki (Chicago: Loyola Press, 2016)
- *DOCAT: The Social Teachings of the Catholic Church* edited by YOUCat Foundation (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2016)

### Storytelling (*and the importance of storytelling!*)

- *Humans of New York: Stories* by Brandon Stanton (New York: St. Martin's Press, 2015)

- *Intergeneration Catechesis: Revitalizing Faith through African-American Storytelling* by timone a davis (Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2021)
- *Listening to God's Word* by Alice Camille (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2009)
- *Listening Is an Act of Love* by Dave Isay (New York: Penguin Books, 2007)
- *The Stories We Live: Finding God's Calling All Around Us* by Kathleen Cahalan (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2017)
- *Witness: Learning to Tell the Stories of Grace that Illumine Our Lives* by Leonard J. DeLorenzo (Notre Dame: Ave Maria Press, 2016)

## Websites

- [BuildFaith](#) - Their mission is equip and inspire churches and individuals for the ministry of Christian education and faith formation. They have a multitude of resources for leaders.
- [Families Living Faith](#) is the website related to the book *Engage Every Family: A Parish Guide to Integrated Faith Formation*. Whether you've embraced a family faith formation approach to helping young people grow in their faith for years, or whether you have no idea where to begin to include parents in your program and want to hang on to some semblance of a classroom model - this is the place for you. The website continues to grow with ministry leaders' input.
- [Lifelong Faith](#) - Lifelongfaith.com provides resources, training, & assistance to help leaders develop faith formation for all ages and generations. Find a Guide for Planning Faith Formation for 2022 and Beyond - A Time for Creativity, Experimentation, Innovation. Also find articles, playlists, and more.
- [Lifelong Faith Training](#) - Lifelong faith provides training videos in many areas of faith formation, including: Designing Faith Formation, Children's Faith Formation, Adolescent Faith Formation, Young Adult Faith Formation, Adult Faith Formation, Family Faith Formation, Intergenerational Faith Formation, Faith Formation Playlists, Hybrid Faith Formation Design, and much more.

- [\*\*National Community of Catechetical Leaders\*\*](#) - NCCL is the national community of catechetical leaders dedicated to serving diocesan parish leaders in catechetical ministry. For decades, catechetical leaders have joined together in prayer to support one another in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus in the U.S. Now more than ever, the Spirit calls us together as a community of catechetical leaders to creatively address the new challenges and opportunities facing the ministries of evangelization and catechesis in today's world.
- [\*\*Strong Catholic Family Faith\*\*](#) - Strong Catholic Family Faith was created to empower and equip Catholic leaders to accompany and form faith-filled Catholic families. Recent research states the importance of parents in the faith formation of their children. We curate relevant content and meaningful experiences so that leaders might better partner with parents in passing on the faith. All of these resources have been selected and reviewed by the Project Team and drawn from trusted sources. Please visit us often for new and updated resources that help you better partner with parents.