

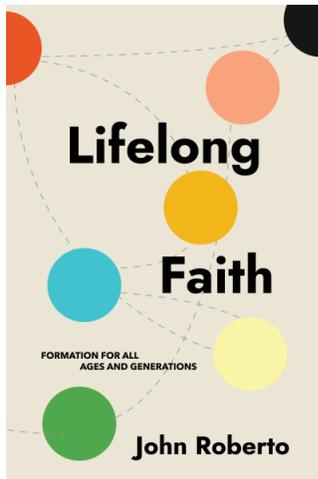


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Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
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“Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.” (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 164)

Lifelong Formation in Faith – Creating Pathways for Personalizing Faith Formation:



John Roberto has a new titled *Lifelong Faith: Formation for All Ages and Generations*. The new book presents the seven elements that John has come to understand in his decades of service to the Church as essential for developing lifelong faith formation.

1. Goals for maturing in faith
2. Practices for forming a Christian way of life
3. Intergenerational faith formation through Christian community
4. Family faith formation with three generations
5. Networks for forming faith will all ages
6. Pathways for personalizing faith formation
7. Playlists for engaging people of all ages in faith formation

The book is available from Amazon beginning on January 18 for the retail price of \$26.95.

Today we will look at an overview of chapter seven on *Pathway for Personalizing Faith Formation*. The attached examples of pathway guides can help you and those you accompany clearly understand where they are in their faith journey. This way you can work together to find formation opportunities that support their next steps. Perhaps consider using these resources over the next month or two to help you develop more focused faith growth plans for groups in your parish community.

The attachments include three pathway assessments:

- adult faith
- family
- parent, and
- adolescent.

The assessments use very accessible language and ask only 20 questions. I am available to help you and your leadership team break open the results.

Local News from the Diocese – Long Beach California NCYC:



Many of you have heard by now that NFCYM is going to be hosting a [West Coast NCYC](#) this November in Long Beach, CA. According to Justin White, they will still be hosting the NCYC in Indianapolis in November 2023.

For 2022 Long Beach NCYC, the Diocese will not be coordinating a group pilgrimage to NCYC, but parishes are able to go directly to NFCYM to attend, if your parish so discerns. Jessica and Justin are of course here as consultants to help answer questions and offer advice on planning your trip. They are working on updating the Diocesan NCYC page with some resources for NCYC leaders, but will not be taking the reins on a trip until 2023.

Contact [Justin](#) or [Jessica](#) if you have any questions.

Local Formation Opportunities for Leaders:

January 20, 2022 – CLADD/PCL (West and East) Workshop – Transformation through Storytelling with Denise Utter – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at 1) St. John parish in Adel, or 2) Ss. Peter and Paul parish in Atlantic, or 3) on ZOOM:



Join us on Thursday, January 20 when we welcome Denise Utter to our Diocese. This interactive workshop will focus on the skills of storytelling, and of story-listening. Stories are powerful tools of transformation.

Due to COVID exposure with Denise and her family, she will ZOOM into our meeting while we gather in-person. This opens up the opportunity for two satellite locations: St. John parish in Adel and Ss. Peter & Paul parish in Atlantic. We will also have a ZOOM option for those who are want to participate but do not want to take the risk of COVID exposure. **Don't miss this**

opportunity to focus on this vital aspect of ministry with one of the foremost storytellers in the Church.

Next steps to register include:

- a. **Email [Sherri Simmer](#) today and RSVP** which of the three options works best for you: 1) in-person in Adel, 2) in-person in Atlantic, or 3) ZOOM option.
- b. The time for the workshop will shift to 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. A light breakfast and lunch will be served at both locations.
- c. Justin White and Tom Quinlan will facilitate at the Adel location while John Gaffney facilitates at the Atlantic location
- d. There is no fee for this day. The Evangelization and Catechesis Department is covering all your fees for the event and providing the hospitality.

Please RSVP to [Sherri Simmer](#) by Monday, January 17 at noon for food and resource count purposes. A Zoom option will be available but in-person is preferred. Hospitality and check-in begins at 9:30 am. Feel free to bring others from your parish team if available. There is no fee charged for this workshop.

February 3 and 4, 2022 – The Art of Sacred Listening with Ignatian Retreat Facilitator Becky Eldredge – Pastoral Center in Des Moines (601 Grand Avenue):



Financial aid is still available to offset your hotel room, the retreat fee, or both. Contact John about this as soon as possible.

New instructions for Hotel Reservations...due today for the special rate of \$119.00.

1. Click on this link [Book your group rate for CLADD Retreat](#)
2. Dates –arrow button down-pick the date
3. Rooms & Guests-1 room, 1 or 2 guests
4. Look for the right side gray **Check Availability** button. It will take you directly to which type of room you desire: King bed or

Two Queen beds (ideal to share with someone else).

What is the retreat about?

This year's retreat highlights the listening for God across stages, ages, and circumstances. It will be grounded in discernment wisdom and the ways we are invited to listen for God in our lives.

The conferences Becky will provide includes:

- The Tools of Sacred Listening
- Listening for Mercy, Healing, and Freedom
- Tuning our Ears to Jesus
- Listening for Joy, Hope, and Mission

The retreat begins at 1:00 pm on February 3 and will end by 3:00 pm on February 4. The cost for the retreat is \$85.00 which covers the catered meals and snacks. The retreat also offers opportunity for Mass, private prayer, and discussion. The Diocese of Des Moines is covering Becky's fees including her transportation and accommodations while in Des Moines.

Where is the retreat being held at?

We will hold this year's retreat in the Catholic Pastoral Center, 601 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, 50309.

Since we are downtown, the Diocese of Des Moines will cover parking fees for you. We have arranged parking at no cost for you at The Brown Garage located at 401 Grand Avenue (two blocks from the Pastoral Center). The Brown Garage does require that you leave your keys. If you are uncomfortable with leaving your keys you are welcome to park in one of the local garages and the Diocese will reimburse you for the cost of parking. Please keep your receipts.

Shuttle Services to and from the hotel as well as to and from the Brown Garage are available upon request.

Please return your registration on the bottom of the flyer to Sherri Simmer as soon as possible. You will not want to miss this outstanding retreat opportunity. If there is someone on your team you would like to invest in for future leadership, invite this person to the retreat. Limited scholarships are available. Please contact [John Gaffney](#) if you would like more information on acquiring a scholarship.

Formation Opportunities around Iowa:



Beginning in mid-January and extending to late April, The Diocese of Davenport Faith Formation Office has teamed up with [Lifelong Faith Associates](#) to offer *Catholic Faith Formation in a Post-Pandemic World*. This five-part series of in-person and virtual workshops seeks to assist and support parishes in examining/assessing their faith formation efforts in light of our experiences with faith formation over these past 20 months and as we begin to emerge into a new reality for life and faith formation. How are our people different?

What are they seeking? Are our faith formation programs, practices, approaches, etc., responsive to all this? What needs to change? What needs to stay the same? What are the possibilities for a more responsive faith formation for the 21st Century?

This series seeks to present possibilities for addressing these questions and provides this opportunity for all parish leaders – leadership folks as well as those in structures/groups that support them (boards, councils, commissions) to do this *together* in a *collaborative fashion*.

The attached brochure gives all the details for the series, and I share this with you with an invitation to you and all your parish leaders to join our colleagues in Davenport in any part of or the entire series with them. .

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact [Don Boucher](#) in the Diocese of Davenport. Having participated in a few of these sessions in another diocese, they are well done and provide useful information.

Diocese of Davenport seeks a Coordinator of Catechesis and Adult Lay Formation:



The Diocese of Davenport is seeking a Coordinator of Catechesis and Adult Lay Formation. This will be a full-time exempt position. Benefits include: Health, Dental, Vision and life insurance, 401(k), Flexible Spending Account, paid holidays, vacation and sick time, Employee Assistance Program, and currently up to 2 days working from home.

The Coordinator is responsible for providing coordination, collaboration, administration and leadership in catechetical faith formation and adult lay formation, and for providing support to pastors, catechetical leaders, lay ecclesial ministers and Diocesan groups; oversees the development and training of leaders in catechetical and lay ecclesial ministry; and promotes and develops catechesis rooted in evangelization.

Requirements: Master's degree in theology, religious education, religious studies or related field. Degree experience in a pastoral formation program for lay ministry is preferred. Minimum of 5 years of parish and/or diocesan leadership experience in areas of catechetical formation, adult formation and forming lay leaders for ministry. Familiar with recent research in catechesis and lay ecclesial ministry formation. A practicing Roman Catholic with a sound theology of Church and parish in keeping with the theology and mission statement of the Diocese.

Salary is commensurate with education and experience. For download of the detailed job description, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2p9565se> . Send cover letter, resume and a salary requirement letter by January 31, 2022 to:

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January Important Dates:

- January 14 – [Saint Gregory Nazianzen](#)
- January 17 – [Saint Anthony of Egypt](#)
- January 18-25 – [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#)
- January 21 – [Saint Agnes](#)
- January 22 – [Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children \(9 days for Life, Pro-Life Prayers\)](#)
- January 23 – [Saint Marianne Cope](#)
- January 24 – [Saint Frances de Sales](#)

- January 25 – [Conversion of Saint Paul](#)
- January 26 – [Saints Timothy and Titus](#)
- January 27 – [Saint Angela Merici](#)
- January 28 – [Saint Thomas Aquinas](#)
- January 31 – [Saint John Bosco](#)

