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from an International Adult Faith Formation Best Practices Study

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A Best Practice: Resources for Our Challenging Time (Part VIII)

Since April we have taken a pause in our regularly-scheduled issues of **GEMS** to look at some resources for this time:

- **GEMS #111-114, #116, #118 and #119** have looked at a variety of resources for parishes, faith formation, parents as well as prayer/music ideas and technology hints and suggestions.
- **GEMS #115** looked at some of the many resources available to help parishes and all parishioners (children, youth and adults) to study, pray and act for a society free from racism.

This issue is the eighth one which lists some of the continuing resources to assist us during this time which still contains many questions.

A Few Articles-Webinars for Reflection and Guidance

- [15 Religious Leaders Share How to Hope During the Pandemic](#)
- [‘The Melting Pot’ is an outdated image of America. We need a new metaphor to define the nation](#)
- [What if parish ministry never returns to ‘normal’...intentionally?](#)
- [Dear parishes and priests: I want to pray with you, not watch you pray](#)
- [From tears comes the promise of restoration](#)

Some Practices, Resources and Reflections for Parishes

- [12 New Habits for Leading in a Virtual Environment](#)
- [COVID-19 Impact Survey of Building Use and Community Programs, Summer 2020](#)
- [Are You Dangerously Tired? Exploring the Symptoms and Sources of Spiritual Exhaustion in Ministry](#)

- [Online Engagement: Moving from 1000 Competing Ideas to One Clear Plan](#) (includes slides from the webinar)
- [25 Creative Church Ministry Ideas during COVID-19](#)

By means of all created things, without exception,
the divine assails us, penetrates us, and molds us.

We imagined it as distant and inaccessible,
whereas in fact we live steeped in its burning layers."

~ Teilhard de Chardin

Resources for Faith Formation Leaders

- [Document Cameras & Hybrid Faith Formation](#)
- [Intergenerational Programs and Physical Distancing: What to do when we can't be together](#)
- [Navigating new territory: Moving ministry online](#)
- [Simple Online Faith Formation](#)
- [Embracing Digital Catechesis In Catholic Faith Formation](#)
- [Digital Technology in Catechetical Ministry – Guide for Catechetical and School Leaders](#)
- [Technology Evaluation Tool](#)
- [How to Forge a Strong Community in an Online Classroom](#)
- [Zoom Activities to Use with Distance Learning](#)
- [Genius Zoom Activities for Teachers and Kids](#)

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- [Distance Learning: A Gently Curated Collection of Resources for Teachers](#)
- [Discover Your Neighbor](#) (Unique materials and lessons to inspire young people to "Care for Creation" as agents of faith, love, and service)
- [Virtual Learning: Maybe we ARE Prepared for This](#)
- [Virtual Learning: 33 Ways to Build Relationships](#)
- [25 Strategies to Engage Students on Your Next Zoom Meeting](#)
- [9 strategies for effective online teaching](#)
- [9 Ways Online Teaching Should be Different from Face-to-FaceZ](#)
- [Bite Sized Catechesis - Tips and Tricks for On-Line Faith Formation](#) (Password: 15G^9G&b)
- [Catechetical Sunday Resources](#)
- [Family Life and Parenting](#)
- [Nurturing the Faith of Young People](#) through the Family
- [The ten faith factors shaping each stage of life from birth to age 29](#)
- [Don't Forget the families](#)
- [Bringing Developmental Relationships Home: Tips and Relationship Builders for Families](#)
- [Building Developmental Relationships From a Distance](#)
- [Relationships that Matter: 5 Keys to Helping Your Child Succeed](#)
- [52 Ways Your Church Can Encourage At-Home Faith Formation](#)
- [Dwell at Home's "5 Ways" Series](#)

If you want something new,
you have to stop doing something old.

~ Peter Drucker

Resources for Faith Formation Leaders (children and youth programming)

- [Pulling Off an Online Lock-In](#)
- [Ideas for Gathering Youth Online](#)
- [Godly Play On Zoom: Why It Works](#)
- [Zoom Activities to Use with Distance Learning](#)
- [At Home Learning](#) (One Parish's Lesson Plans)
- [Teaching Religion On-Line: Sharing the Gospel While Sharing Your Screen](#) (Password: @w7Va+Jv)
- [Helping Parents with Faith Formation at Home](#)
- [Guide to Taking Youth Ministry Online](#)
- [How Digital Ready Are You](#)
- [Steps to Embrace Digital Tech for Catechesis](#)
- [Strategies to Engage Students](#)
- [Videoconferencing Checklist](#)
- [3 Steps for Better Student Online Experience](#)
- [Tips & Tricks: Teachers Educating on Zoom](#)
- [2 Simple Ways to Improve Online Instruction](#)
- [3 Ways to Use Video Conferencing with Students Learning Remotely](#)
- [Help Students Process COVID-19 Emotions With This Lesson Plan](#)
- [SPIRIT Online 2020-2021](#) (Confirmation preparation)
- [Alive in God](#) (prayer for teens)
- [Adapting Traditional Instruction Worksheet](#)
- [Strategies for a Blended Approach to Catechesis](#)
- [Embracing Digital Catechesis In Catholic Faith Formation](#)

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- [10 Fun Ways to Use Technology for a More Vibrant Catechetical Program](#)
- [Accompanying Youth in a Digital World](#)
- [Parent Education Toolkit](#)
- [Tips for Catechists Doing Faith Formation Remotely \(Video\)](#)

“It’s a funny thing about life,
once you begin to take note of the things you are grateful for,
you begin to lose sight of the things that you lack.”

~ Germany Kent

Resources for Faith Formation Leaders (adult faith formation)

- [Unemployment Meditations: Reflections, Prayers and Practices to Face One of Life’s Most Difficult Challenges](#) (This can be ordered for individual use or for distribution to the parish.)
- [Fall Planning Guide for Scripture Study](#)
- [Little Rock Scripture Study Resources for Online Bible Study](#)
- [Tips for Online Bible Study](#)
- [Ideas for Bible Study in a time of Physical Distancing](#)

Resources for Reflection and Prayer

- [Armchair pilgrimages are meditations during the pandemic](#)
- [10 Scripture Passages to Pray with in Uncertain Times](#)
- [The Word became flesh: Movement as prayer](#)
- [How Journaling Can Help You in Hard Times](#)

Prayers and Reflections

- [If Only You Could See](#)
- [A Prayer in Times of Stress](#)
- [Blessing for a Face Mask](#)
- [A Psalm of lament and praise in a time of coronavirus](#)
- [Prayers During the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)

“How
Did the rose
Ever open its heart
And give to this world
All its
Beauty?
It felt the encouragement of light
Against its Being.
Otherwise,
We all remain
Too
Frightened”

~ Hafiz

Music

- [God Remembers](#)
- [We Remember](#)
- [Shepherd Me, O God](#)
- [You’ll Never Walk Alone](#)
- [You’ve got a Friend](#)
- [Emmaus Song](#)
- [How Can I Keep from Singing](#)

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We have a chance to do something extraordinary.
As we head out of this pandemic we can change the world.
Create a world of love.
A world where we are kind to each other.

A world where we are kind no matter what class, race, sexual
orientation, what religion or lack of or what job we have.
A world we don't judge those at the food bank
because that may be us if things were just slightly different.
Let love and kindness be our roadmap.”

~ Johnny Corn

Reaching out

- [13 ways to pass the time and give back during the coronavirus pandemic](#)
- [The Best Way To Connect With People During the Pandemic](#)
- [3 Ways People Can Help Others During the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)
- [7 Ways You Can Help People You Care About During the Pandemic](#)
- [Kindness in the Time of Coronavirus](#)
- [11 simple ways to care for each other during the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic](#)
- [A family is leaving flower bouquets on people's doorsteps to spread happiness during the coronavirus pandemic](#)
- [Helping One Another During the Pandemic](#)
- [How to Support Kids, Seniors, and Vulnerable Communities during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Ideas and Suggestions for Families

- [Virtual Learning: 10 Best Practices for Parents](#)
- [Back-to-School Free Printable Care Package](#)
- [How to Make Birthdays Meaningful During a Pandemic](#)
- [What Makes a Good Parent?](#)
- [Parent Conversation Guides](#)
- [The Happy Families Toolkit](#)

Suggestions and Reflections for All of Us

- [The Missing Year](#)
- [How to Form a Pandemic Pod](#)
- [When Savoring a Pleasant Moment Is a Radical Act](#)
- [Too Much Alone Time? Tips To Connect And Find Joy While Social Distancing](#)
- [The friendship lessons we've learned during the pandemic](#)
- [In The Midst Of The Pandemic, Loneliness Has Levelled Out](#)
- [7 Reasons Some People Actually Feel Better and Happier During the Pandemic](#)

What if Zoom's 40 minute time limit is not an encouragement to upgrade to the paid version but an act of divine mercy, since no Zoom should ever be more than 40 minutes long?



Thoughts and Helps regarding the Use of Technology

- [Digital Learning Methods & Apps](#)
- [Digital Small Groups](#)
- [Virtual Learning: 13 Tips for Zoom Breakout Rooms](#)
- [How to video conference with Google Meet](#)
- [Google Hangouts](#)
- [How to Host a Zoom Meeting](#)
- [How to Join a Zoom Meeting](#)
- [Leading An Effective Meeting Online](#)



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Additional ideas for Adult Faith Formation Planning and Best Practices can be found in:

- *Deepening Faith: Adult Faith Formation in the Parish*
<https://www.litpress.org/Products/4652/Deepening-Faith>
- *The Seasons of Adult Faith Formation*
http://www.lifelongfaith.com/store/p25/The_Seasons_of_Adult_Faith_Formation.html and <http://www.lifelongfaith.com/2015-adult-faith-formation-symposium.html>