REIMAGINING FAITH FORMATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

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How do I get rid of the fear?

Alas, this is the wrong question.

The only way to get rid of the fear is to stop doing things that might not work, to stop putting yourself out there, to stop doing work that matters.

No, the right question is, "How do I dance with the fear?"

Fear is not the enemy. Paralysis is the enemy.

(Seth Godin)
Adaptive Challenges We Face

- Generational Diversity
- Family Diversity
- Life-Span Diversity
- Religious & Spiritual Diversity
Adaptive Challenges We Face

Group-Centered Life

Network-Centered Life

Church

Neighborhood

Home

Ethnic Culture
Adaptive Challenges We Face

A shift from education to learning anywhere, anytime.

A shift from consumption of information to participatory learning.

A shift from institutions to networks.
Adaptive Abundance: Digital

Abundance of Mobile Technologies

Abundance of Digital Content

Abundance of Digital Tools

Digital World
Adaptive Abundance: Mobile
Adaptive Abundance: Digital Content
Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century
You never change things by fighting the existing reality.

To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.

Buckminster Fuller
Lifelong & Lifewide Faith Formation for Everyone!
Lifelong Faith Formation
Lifewide Faith Formation

Holistic & Comprehensive

From. . . .

Faith

Life

To. . . .

Life

Faith
Intergenerational & Generational
Missional
Networked
Connected & Blended
Personalized
Curated
New Faith Formation Operating System
New Operating System: Faith Formation Network

- On Your Own & Small Groups
- Age Group Intergenerational Family
- At Home
- Large Group: Course, Workshop, Retreat
- Church Life & Events
- Community Programs, Events, & Activities
- Online Activities & Resources
Network Programming

- A wide variety of diverse faith formation experiences, programs, activities, and resources to match with people’s diverse needs and tailored to their busy lives.
- Multiple ways to learn and grow
- Online/virtual & Gathered/physical
- Mobile - available anytime & anywhere.
Families in the First Decade of Life

**Baptism**

- Mentors
- **Faith Practices @ Home**
- **Parent Faith Formation & Parenting Skills**
- **Milestones**
- **Family Learning Programs**
- **Parent/Family Online Resource Center**

**Support Groups**
- Prayer, Rituals, Bible, Family Conversation, Service
- Workshops Courses Online Resources
- Baptism Anniversary, First Prayers, Start of School
- Church Gatherings Small Groups Workshops
Families with Children Faith Formation Network

- Intergenerational Experiences with the Whole Faith Community
- Sunday Worship @ Home
- Seasons of the Year
- Family Life
- Practicing Our Faith
- Milestones
- Children’s Programs & Events
- For Parents

Children’s Programs & Events

For Parents

Milestones

Practicing Our Faith

Family Life

Seasons of the Year

Sunday Worship @ Home
Adult Faith Formation Network

- Intergenerational Experiences & Connections
- Sunday Worship through the Week
- Scripture Enrichment
- Grandparents
- Service & Mission
- Life Issues
- Discovering Faith
- Spiritual Enrichment
- Faith Enrichment
Adult Faith Formation Network

Spiritual Enrichment

- Online Courses
- Apps & E-newsletters
- Online Prayer & Spirituality
- Small Group Bible Study
- Retreats
- Day at the Monastery
- Spiritual Book of the Month Club
- Monthly Spiritual Practices Series

Resources
Three Seasons of Programming

Fall Season: September 1 – January 1

Winter/Spring Season: January 1 – May 1

Summer Season: May 1 – September 1
Connected & Blended Faith Formation

- Online Faith Formation
- Mostly Online with Regular Interaction in Gathered Sessions
- Online Faith Formation & Gathered Sessions (Flipped Classroom)
- Gathered Program with Online Components beyond the Program
- Gathered Program with Supportive Online Content
Connected Faith Formation

Church Life ➔ Daily & Home Life via Online Life

Online Life ➔ Daily & Home Life ➔ Church Life

Community Life ➔ Daily/Home Life via Online Life

Online Life ➔ Church Life ➔ Daily & Home Life
Church ➔ Daily/Home via Online

- Sunday worship
- Church year feasts and seasons
- Sacrament and ritual celebrations
- Children, teen, or family programming
- VBS and summer camp
- Mission trips and service projects
- Retreat experiences

... and more
# Connected Faith Formation: Worship

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# Connected Faith Formation: Lent

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| • Ash Wednesday  
• Lenten Sunday liturgies  
• Stations of the Cross  
• Lenten prayer  
• Lenten retreat  
• Lenten service  
• Lenten soup suppers | • Fasting  
• Praying  
• Service/Almsgiving  
• Lectionary reflection  
• Family activities | • Lenten learning resources  
• Lenten calendar  
• Daily Lenten prayer  
• Weekly table prayer  
• Video resources  
• Online retreat experience |
Welcome to Confirmation

Confirmation is the sacrament in which you receive a deeper outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It completes what began in Baptism, giving you the gifts and tools needed to live out your whole life as a Catholic. Confirmation preparation is a 2 year process with monthly meetings, online work, service projects, retreats, and insight participation.

LEARN MORE ABOUT CONFIRMATION

LEARNING

PROGRAM

SERVICE

login
requirements
projects

Confirmation 1
Calendar of Events

Today
Sunday, September 22
6:00pm Homecoming Mass
Saturday, September 28
7:30am Confirmation 1 Retreat
Sunday, October 6
4:00pm Confirmation 1 Class
Sunday, October 27
4:00pm Confirmation 1 Class

Confirmation 2
Calendar of Events

Today
Sunday, September 22
6:00pm Homecoming Mass
Sunday, October 20
4:00pm Confirmation 2 Class
Sunday, October 27
4:00pm Confirmation 2 - Safe
Sunday, November 17
4:00pm Confirmation 2 Class

Insights
Calendar of Events

Today
Sunday, September 22
6:00pm Homecoming Mass
Wednesday, September 25
7:00pm Insight
Wednesday, October 9
7:00pm Insight
Wednesday, October 16
7:00pm Insight
Flipped Classroom

St. Edward the Confessor

CONFIRMATION

Be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit

Program Requirements

1) PARTICIPATE IN WEEKLY ONLINE LEARNING
   - Complete weekly online lesson
   - Participate in online small group discussions

2) ATTEND MONTHLY SUNDAY SESSIONS
   - Sessions begin at 4:00 p.m. and end after the 5:30 p.m. Mass
   - 1 Absence allowed

3) SERVICE PROJECTS
   - Participate in 2 service projects per year (Service project opportunities will be available online or you can suggest one to us that you would like to participate in)
   - Write one reflection per project completed online

4) ATTEND “INSIGHT” (YOUTH GROUP) MEETINGS
   - Attend 2 Insight Youth Ministry Meetings, more is encouraged!
   - Insight takes place Wednesday nights from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in Knight Hall (please reference online Insight calendar)

5) ATTEND A CONFIRMATION RETREAT EACH YEAR
   - Confirmation I - One-day retreat with parent or proxy (September 28, 2013)
   - Confirmation II – Overnight-weekend retreat (February 14-16 2014 or March 7-9, 2014)
   - *** Registration for Confirmation II Retreat will begin online January 6, 2014
Personalized Faith Formation

Personalized pathways for discipleship & faith growth. . . .

- Guide people in discerning their religious and spiritual needs
- Equip people with the resources and tools to learn and grow at their own pace
- Provide mentoring and support for the journey
Create expectations for participation in faith formation and church life by providing a seasonal/yearly growth plan with a variety of options for experiencing the Christian faith through community life. For example:

- Sunday worship
- Church year feasts and seasons
- Service/mission projects
- Retreat experience
- Faith practices @ home, e.g. reading the Bible, praying, rituals, and more
KEF

Building relationships with God, family and other congregants.

Building connections to Torah, Shabbat, holidays, Israel.

Building knowledge of Hebrew, history, music, ethics.

Building community within our Temple and Los Angeles.

The participation of the family as a whole, including younger and older siblings, is welcomed. Families will come together in a K'vutzah, the Hebrew word for group. Each K’vutzah will have its own Rosh K’vutzah (group leader).

Program Requirements

Student and at least one adult family member shall participate in the following activities in the course of a year:

- 4-6 K’vutzah activities, including orientation, Shabbat dinners, 2 class-age based programs, book club discussions and the culminating Torah activities;
- 10-12 Shabbat services;
- 6 holiday celebrations or commemorations held at Temple Emanuel; and
- 3-4 cultural programs (in the congregation or around the city).

In addition, each family will be responsible to:

- read books from a selected reading list. (the types and number of books would vary with the students' age);
- devote 12-18 hours doing work related to tikkun olam (repairing the world); and
- do a Torah project (Each year there will be a theme for these Torah projects, e.g., Genesis, Exodus, mitzvot in the Torah, the prophets, and the Writings).

KEF is a bold new model of Jewish learning. Rather than studying about Judaism, prayer, celebration and Jewish culture, or reading about Jewish literature, the Bible and what makes a Jewish community, participants in KEF will experience it all and be a part of building their own Jewish community.

The goals of the KEF program are:

- to learn about the Jewish tradition through family experiences with prayer, celebration and tikkun olam;
- to strengthen the family's connections to one another, to the Jewish tradition, and to the congregation as a whole; and
- to build a community of learners at Temple Emanuel.
Curated Faith Formation

Curating Content & Experiences

1. Church Programs & Activities
2. Denominational Resources
3. Community Programs & Activities
4. People Resources
5. Print, Audio, Video Resources
6. Art, Drama, Music
7. Websites, Courses, Blogs
8. Apps & Digital Resources
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Welcome to the 21st Century Faith Formation Website

John Roberto, LifelongFaith Associates

The 21st Century Faith Formation Website is built around the emerging concept of a connected and networked approach to faith formation in the 21st century. It is an attempt to present one vision of a 21st century approach to lifelong faith formation. I believe we are at the dawn of a new era in faith formation where it is possible for a congregation to provide faith formation for everyone, anytime, anywhere, 24 x 7 x 365; where it is possible to customize and personalize faith formation around the lives of the people in a congregation; and where it is possible to offer a wide diversity of programs, activities, and resources in a variety of formats delivered in physical gathered settings and virtual online settings. Connected, networked faith formation is taking advantage of the new internet, communication, and social networking technologies; new digital learning tools and resources; and the tremendous growth of religious content and experiences in digital form. These provide the building blocks for new 21st century models of faith formation.
Others can better write about Nelson Mandela's impact on the world stage, on how he stood up for the dignity of all people and on how he changed our world.

For those that seek to make a change in the world, whether global or local, one lesson of his life is this: You can.

You can make a difference.
You can stand up to insurmountable forces.
You can put up with far more than you think you can.
Your lever is far longer than you imagine it is, if you choose to use it.

If you don't require the journey to be easy or comfortable or safe, you can change the world.

Seth Godin