

GIFT: GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Autumn 2020: Adult Faith Formation



REIMAGINING ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The pandemic has brought about changes in our lives, in society, and in church and religious life beyond anything we could ever have expected. We are forced to abandon the old models of Sunday worship, large group gatherings, adult and children's classes, youth meetings, ritual and sacramental celebrations and retreats, and reimagine church life and faith formation in new, innovative ways.

WHAT IS GIFT?

Our GIFT Approach to adult faith formation is learner-centered, offering a choice of online content, experiences, programs, and methods that will promote growth in faith and discipleship. Seasonal programming allows us to be more flexible in this rapidly changing environment.

Beginning in September, we are offering our Autumn programming with a "menu" approach that provides a way for you to select from a variety of programs and activities to create your own plan for faith formation. This person-centered approach gives you control over **what** and **when** and **where** you will participate, **and how much**. Because of pandemic precautions and distancing guidelines as well as limited physical space, this approach uses a variety of online programs and resources, live-streaming, videos, webinars, as well as gathered settings in online interactive groups such as Zoom. We invite you to discover our Menu of Playlists.

A MENU OF PLAYLISTS

A playlist is a curated group of digital (online, video, audio, print) faith formation content and experiences on specific themes or topics that is published on a webpage for easy access and learning. Each playlist provides a variety of ways for people to learn and grow in faith and allows you to choose according to interests, needs, schedules, and digital access.

In the Menu approach, descriptions and links to activities and experiences on a theme or topic are organized by categories: **Learn, Read, Watch, Listen, Participate, Pray, Live**. You are invited to choose from the Menu, with offerings as diverse as Yale University, Disney, Busted Halo, Bishop Barron, and Pope Francis. You can watch a short presentation or a long video, read an article or study for 4 weeks, listen to a podcast or participate in a Zoom discussion, pray alone, or prepare the Sunday readings. The choice of how you grow your faith is yours.

Introductory Playlist

To give you an idea of how this works, we invite you to take a look at the Playlist for **The Season of Creation: CreationTide**. *See next page*. Watch the video of Pope Francis who invites us to take part in the Season of Creation, which begins September 1 and ends on the Feast of St. Francis, October 4, then choose one or more opportunities to go deeper, alone or with your family.

Menu of Playlists coming Soon!

A few examples: New to the Bible; The Gospel of Matthew Part 2; Explore Different Paths to Prayer; Reflect on the Sunday Lectionary; Welcome Back to the Catholic Church; Celebrate All Saints/All Souls; Social Justice Issues; and Prepare to Celebrate a Sacrament.

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