

FORMED™

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

Parish Manual



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Welcome to FORMED, an exciting new spiritual journey for your parish!

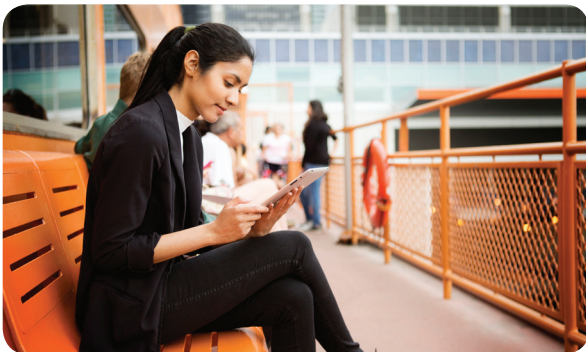
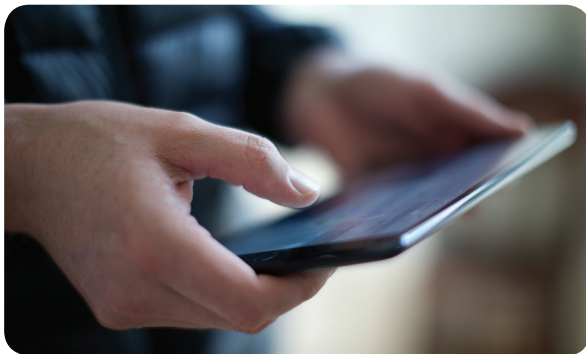
This manual provides the information you need to promote and use FORMED in your parish.

In these pages you'll get straightforward instructions, tips, and ideas to plug FORMED into:

- ▶ Ongoing faith formation and sacramental preparation needs at the parish.
- ▶ Faith formation for your families, small groups, and individuals using FORMED's digital platform, around-the-clock availability for use at church, home, in the local cafe, or wherever they need it.

We know FORMED will be an invaluable resource for your parish, and we look forward to helping you in your mission of forming disciples for Jesus Christ and his Church.

Sincerely in Christ,
Your ParishCare Team



What is FORMED?

FORMED is an exciting new gateway to the best Catholic teaching videos, books, and audio talks to deepen your parishioners' relationship with Christ and his Church. All in one place. Accessible on most smart phones, tablets, and computers.



FORMED leverages the power of today's technology and the partnership of the most trusted Catholic apostolates to give your parish unprecedented access to the most compelling teaching in the Catholic world.

FORMED meets your parish's core catechetical needs in dynamic ways, giving you the tools to take advantage of every evangelization opportunity at the parish.

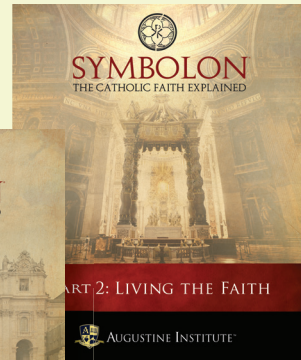
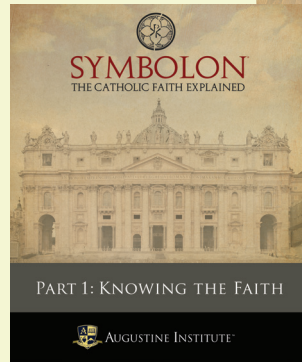
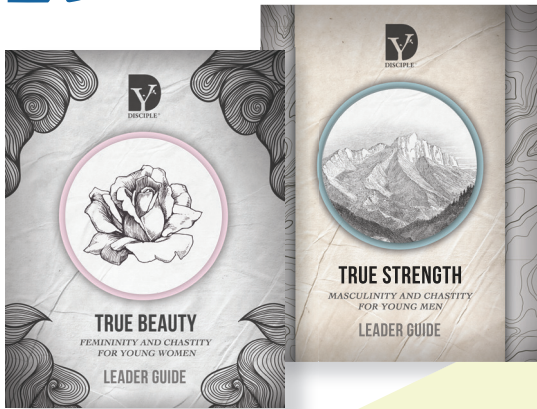
FORMED is easy to access!

When you subscribe to FORMED, you will receive an administrator code for the parish staff/team to have administrative access to your FORMED account as well as a unique parish code that should be given to all parishioners to access all the faith-building resources.

FORMED Programs



YDisciple
Small discipleship groups that connect teens with parents and mentors in a trust-building setting.



Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained

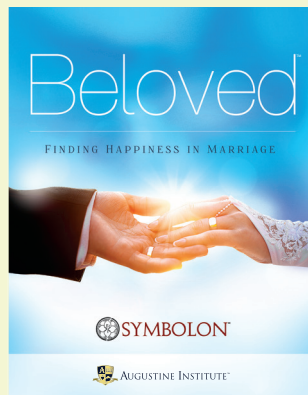
A dynamic and engaging walk-through of the Catholic Faith with author and theologian Dr. Edward Sri. Great for Adult Faith Formation, RCIA, and small group study.



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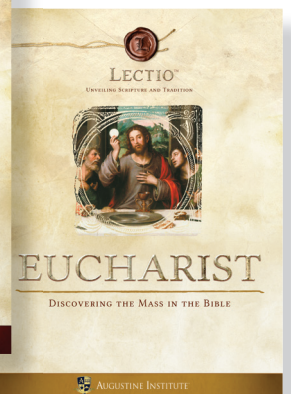
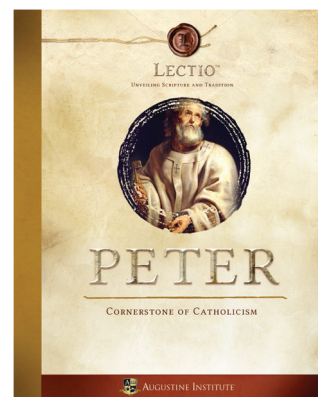
UNVEILING SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION

Lectio: Unveiling Scripture and Tradition
In-depth Bible studies with renowned Scripture scholars Dr. Tim Gray, Dr. Brant Pitre and Dr. Mary Healy.



Beloved: Finding Lasting Happiness in Marriage

Captivating and heart-felt, this beautifully produced resource explores God's design for marriage: usable for both marriage preparation and marriage enrichment.

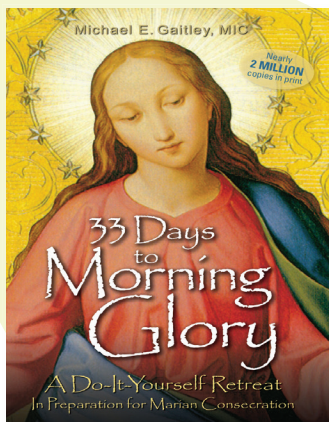


FORMED Programs



Lighthouse Catholic Media Audio Talks

Your FORMED parish subscription also includes 10 of the top Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs available in a downloadable mp3 format that your parishioners can have access to at any time.

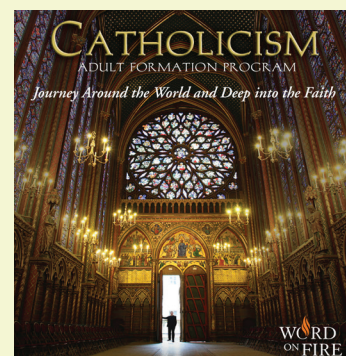


33 Days to Morning Glory

A do-it-yourself retreat of spiritual renewal and Marian devotion featuring Fr. Michael Gaitley.

Catholicism Series

Journey around the world with Fr. Robert Barron to learn what Catholics believe. Ideal for use in RCIA, Adult Faith Formation, and small group study.



Coming Soon!

Additional programs scheduled for release:

- ▶ Reborn: You, Your Child, and the Heart of Baptism (Summer 2015)
- ▶ Journey Through Scripture Studies (Fall 2015)
- ▶ Called: Finding Your Vocation (Fall 2015)
- ▶ Forgiven: The Power of Confession (Winter 2015)
- ▶ DoCat: An Exploration of Catholic Social Teaching (Summer 2016)



ignatius press

Ignatius Press E-Books and Movies

Your subscription also provides e-books and movies from Ignatius Press.

How to Get the Most out of Your Subscription:

To maximize FORMED in your parish, it's best to lead an intentional effort with a team of helpers.

STEP 1:

Staff/Key Contributor Training Session(s) - The Most Important Step!

- Successful parish implementation begins when your staff and key contributors are familiar with FORMED and all it provides.
- Host a Staff/Key Contributor Training Session using the FORMED Orientation webinar/video.

STEP 2:

Identify a FORMED Team Champion

- It is vital for the pastor to designate a Champion from the parish to lead the charge with FORMED. The Champion can either be a parish staff member or a key contributor who volunteers his or her time.

STEP 3:

Recruit and Train a FORMED Team

- Determine who will best serve on a FORMED Team and train them using FORMED Team training videos found on the FORMED online platform.

STEP 4:

Invite Current Groups to Begin Using FORMED Programs

- ▶ RCIA: Symbolon and Catholicism Series
- ▶ Adult Faith Formation: Symbolon and Catholicism Series
- ▶ Marriage Enrichment Retreat/Study: Beloved
- ▶ Marriage Preparation: Beloved
- ▶ Pre-Baptism Classes: Reborn
- ▶ Bible Studies: Lectio
- ▶ Small Christian Communities: Symbolon/Lectio/33 Days
- ▶ Parent Sessions: Symbolon/Catholicism



Seven Steps for Success in Your Parish

STEP 5:

Prepare for your FORMED Launch Days

- Choose at least 4 consecutive Sundays for the FORMED Launch Days.
- Prepare the promotional materials that have been provided to you through the FORMED website for the Launch Days.

STEP 6:

Host Launch Days

- Have your FORMED Team available after Mass at a table with information about FORMED programs.
- Ask the pastor or priest to announce the start-up of FORMED in the parish and invite parishioners to take out their phones and register on Formed.org using the provided parish code.
- If possible, show the FORMED parish promotional video.
- Continue to have FORMED announcements over the next several Sundays to continue to help parishioners get familiar with the programs.

STEP 7:

Promote, promote, promote!

- After the Launch Days, you will need to promote FORMED on multiple weekends (at least 4 consecutively) to reach those who attend Mass weekly and those who may show up irregularly.
- Continue to use the pulpit announcement and other promotional resources available for FREE via the inFORMED page on the FORMED website (business cards, flyers, posters, bulletin announcements, etc.)
- The pastor, staff, and FORMED Team can use Seasons and Feasts of the Church's liturgical year to encourage parishioners and families to study the various programs on FORMED.

inFORMED Start-Up and Promotional Resources

inFORMED Parish Kit

Your FORMED kit of resources help you share FORMED's benefits with the parish staff and leaders. You will also find these and additional resources online on our inFORMED page.

Parish Promotional Materials

Through the Resource Page online, your parish will have access to a variety of materials to promote FORMED. These include flyers, bulletin inserts, email blast templates, posters, postcards, pulpit announcements, business cards and more.

inFORMED Webinars

Parishes are strongly encouraged to have their staff and key parish volunteers attend one of the monthly FORMED Orientation Webinars to help your parish get the most out of your FORMED subscription. Your subscription will also include monthly webinars to assist you in the ongoing implementation of FORMED in your parish, with strategies on how to use each individual program as well as how to get as many parishioners as possible using Formed.org.

Your ParishCare Support Team

ParishCare exists to help your parish get the most out of FORMED. From technical to practical, your questions are important to this team! You can reach us at 1-800-FORMED1 or via email at ParishCare@Formed.org.

