

Discipleship News

Dear Parents:

Are you FORMED yet? I have had the privilege of talking to many of you over the years both one on one and in small groups. The opportunity to share the faith with you and your family is the main reason I get up in the morning. Over the years I have recommended a variety of educational tools to help you grow in your faith! FORMED is another great tool. I would equate it to Netflix in the way it works. Let's call it a Catholic Netflix; however you don't have to pay for it!! A benefactor has paid for it so that our parish can have these excellent tools.

The Augustine Institute in Denver Colorado founded the FORMED ministry. It is a Catholic theological school that has grown dramatically over the last 10 years. It's using modern technology with new teaching methods combined with the 2,000 year old rich history of Catholicism to form modern day Christians!

What you get from FORMED: Full length movies, podcasts, Bible studies in a short course format, movies on faith for kids, lives of the saints, classical literature to download for free!

Subscribing is easy:

- 1. Click on this website <https://formed.org/>**
- 2. Get Started by clicking on the tab that says ENTER CODE; Our parish code is (C87Z3H)**
- 3. Enter your basic information as prompted and you're all set to enjoy great tools to assist your family!**

If you have any questions please let me know!

Have a great weekend!

Tony MacDonnell,
Director of Religious Education

Some Previous Newsletter Video Links

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfvVu7_vy0

Jordan Peterson: Do you act as if God exists?

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/alicegwalton/2018/09/17/raising-kids-with-religion-or-spirituality-may-protect-their-mental-health-study/>

Here's the link to the article done about the research work by Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28i3lWxW5xs>

Dr. Jordan Peterson on why we need to believe in God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-MebOn3mEk> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vLqgsDiJBI>
<https://hanm.org/>

Justin Fatica - here are some short sample video links and his ministry's website:

[Literary Styles in the Bible](#)

Episode 3 shows how reading the Bible wisely requires that we learn about the ancient literary styles used by the biblical authors. These writers expressed their ideas and claims through a variety of different type of literature, and this video will explore why it's important to tell them apart so we can hear their message on their terms

<https://thebibleproject.com/videos/what-is-bible/>

A new and short animated explanation of the Bible for your children

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HugMM_3FfnI

The Holy Triduum explained simply

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ry46FSxUPI>

Jordan Peterson and true friendship (short 5 minute video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7og8ygvoDZ4>

Short video: Models of Freedom and Joy: Why be a Religious Sister in today's world?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBhd_bx8V9g&t=330s

Fr Mike Schmitz- just don't think about it – do something! Just 1% everyday! Making New Year's Resolutions stick!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oe9xxUQwnZQ>

Short video on Why we need the Church

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>

Click on the above link and sign up with your email address and name – it's that simple!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqt8QmueKBO>

Fr Mike Schmitz short video on keeping balance in your life

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJsokZ6Y2x8>

Saints and Halloween – what is it?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mad1Jgf0jow>

Fr. Mike Schmitz great short video on the “Communion of Saints”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_1loboaQmQA

Karoke by some Priests on their way to a large youth rally!