

# In His Name



*For where two or three  
are gathered together  
in my name, there am  
I in the midst of them.*

— Matthew Chapter 18:20  
From NABRE Translation ([usccb.org](http://usccb.org) website)



## Jesus called the 12

- Community is the Essence of Church
- The heart of man is engaged by Community
- True community encompasses **authentic witness, conversion, mission.**



# Group Best Practices: **Process**

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## Leaders - **FACT**

Faithful, Available, Contagious, Teachable

## Group Dynamics - **RACE**

Respectful, Accountable, Confidential, Engaged

## Keep It Small

Under 20 participants Gets More Engagement,  
Especially from Introverts

## Use Open Ended Questions

Keep Discussions Flowing



## Digital Communities?

- 73% of adults use Facebook, 54% daily
- Facebook has 1.4B daily users – each spending an average of 41 minutes per. 50% of 18-24 year olds check Facebook first thing in the morning (getting out of bed).
- 68% of adults use Youtube, 31% Daily
- 94% of 18-24-year olds use Youtube. Youtube has 1.5B monthly users spending 40 min per day.



**Source: Pew Research Center, 2018**

**We must claim this screen time for  
Christ!**

# Group Best Practices: **Content**

What  
Content Is  
Best For  
Each  
Ministry?

MINISTRY	CONTENT		
<b>Catechesis</b>	Symbolon	Who am I to Judge?	Divine Mercy
<b>Evangelization</b>	Anima	Wild Goose	Echo
<b>Youth</b>	YDisciple	Brother Francis	Cat Chat
<b>Scripture</b>	Lectio	Opening the Word	Bible & Virgin Mary
<b>Marriage</b>	Beloved	Happiness	USCCB
<b>Sacramental Prep</b>	Presence	Forgiven	Reborn

# Anatomy of Community Page

Parish Image & Info

Mission Statement

Share Panel

The screenshot shows a community page on the FORMED platform. At the top, there are navigation tabs: STUDY, WATCH, LISTEN, READ, and a search icon. Below this is a header for the community group, 'St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception', with a 'Pastor José Ramirez' listed. The main content area is divided into several sections: a featured content section with a purple banner for 'FORGIVEN' and 'PREPARE FOR LENT'; a video section for 'BISHOP BARRON ON GRACE'; a section for 'RCIA GROUP MEETINGS' featuring 'SYMBOLON'; a section for 'THE BELOVED SAINT OF CALCUTTA' featuring 'MOTHER TERESA'; a section for 'VATICAN II, MERCY, & YOU'; and a 'YOUTH GROUP' section. Each section includes a title, a brief description, and a 'View More' link. On the left side of the page, there is a 'Parish Image & Info' section with a photo of the church interior, a 'Mission Statement' section with a quote, and a 'Share Panel' section with social media icons and a link to 'stmaryimmaculate.formed.org'. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links for 'Help', 'Leader Resources', 'Testimonies', 'Terms', 'Privacy Policy', 'Contact', and a 'DONATE' button. The FORMED logo and copyright information are also present at the bottom.

Featured Content

Discussion Group



# Group Elements & Hierarchy

Group

Visit Group

### REBORN GROUP

To understand the wonder of Baptism, we must go all the way back to creation itself and the unique, life-giving place of water and new...

Largely the liberation of Israel from the slavery of Egypt, announces the liberation wrought by Baptism.

Sessions

REBORN GROUP Session 3 NEW POST

### SESSION 3: NURTURING THE LIFE OF GRACE

Baptism is only the beginning. Parents and godparents are called to partner with the entire community of the faithful to help guide this...

What is your thought?  
Paul Zajac replied 2 hours ago 3 comments >

Post 2  
Maria Girard replied 17 minutes ago 1 comment >

hey look at this  
Paul Zajac started 2 hours ago 0 comments >

Posts

Related Lesson



Comments

### How has the life of a consecrated brother or sister inspired you?

**Javier Baez** an hour ago  
I have always been inspired by my third grade teacher, Sr. Patricia Marie, SND. She was so personable and yet so holy. She exuded goodness and compassion for others. I was inspired by the selfless giving of her life to others. Like Reply ...

**Chris Bryant** 1 day ago  
My great Aunt Sister Geri was a Franciscan nun for many years, so from an early age I understood that religious life was a good thing largely based on the relationship she had with by Grandparents. Like Reply ...

**Kyla Schwarber** 1 day ago  
Chris's comment reminds us that Holiness leads us to happiness, and we are happiest when we are doing the will of God – acting in accordance with the vision that God had for us at the moment of our creation. To the extent that we can bring our will into communion with the will of God, then we become the most Christ-like, and live a holy (and happy and fulfilled) life. Like Reply ...

Reply to Comment

**The Scenario:** Teach parents of my Confirmation about the sacraments in preparation for their children receiving the sacraments.



Session 1 – Baptism (Reborn - Episode 1)



Session 2 – Reconciliation (Forgiven - Episode 1)



Session 3 – Confirmation (YouTube homily from last year)



Session 4 – Eucharist – (Presence – Episode 1)

# Introduce the Group

## Welcome Our Group!

- Go to CUSTOM URL
- Join the Parish
- Go to the Community page
- Join the Group



*Demo by Mark*

# Overview of Running a Group

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Let's look at creating groups.

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# Overview of Creating a Group

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We managed a Group

We created a group.

Questions?

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The Church **must** adapt to the way the Internet is changing human interaction.

Saint John Paul II called us to the New  
Evangelization using **New Methods** and **New Ardor**.

The AI is studying the Internet and tech space to provide these new methods...

- New tools such as video, FORMED community provide the raw material to...
  - meet people where they are...
  - and invite them to journey together...



You, our parish partners, are the fuel for this new Ardor.



So, together,  
we can  
**enkindle** Faith  
in the Hearts  
of Men.

