



Using FORMED for a Parish-Wide Study

Why Run a Parish-Wide Study?

Jesus teaches that *"man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God"* (Matthew 4:4). Sadly, the overwhelming majority of Catholics are spiritually starving because they do not have the habits of prayer, study and piety. These habits root Catholics into the life of the Church, so it should not surprise us that so many, especially the young, are drifting away.

A parish wide study is aimed to help Catholics **build holy habits** and **become proactive in their own faith formation** as individuals and as families. By encouraging parishioners to take initiative to login and learn the faith, week after week, parish leaders empower their parishioners to begin building these holy habits.

Key to the success of a parish wide study is:

1. Pastor's initiative and personal invitation
2. On-going reminders in the bulletin and announcements
3. References to the content in homilies

How to Run a Parish-Wide Study with FORMED

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Choose a Study

- Choose a study that fits the needs of your parish. We recommend that you begin with the study *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*.
- Download the promotional materials from leaders.formed.org that you'll need to promote the study in your parish.

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Extend an Invitation to Participate in the Study

- Utilize the Pulpit Pitch to announce and promote the study to the whole parish.
- Extend personal invitations to families, small groups, and individuals.

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Go Through the Study

- Utilize the Homily Talking Points to reference the content of the study during the homily of each Mass.
- During Mass announcements each week, encourage everyone to watch this week's episode.
- Utilize social media, your parish website, and your bulletin to remind parishioners to watch this week's episode.

Does your parish have a large Spanish-speaking community?

Utilize a parish-wide study to unite your English-speaking and Spanish-speaking communities as one family under God. Strengthen ties between both communities by focusing on the same inspiring content, available in two languages.

To use a parish-wide study to build unity within your parish family, add step 4:

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Celebrate as One Family Under God

- Utilize the Poster for each study to promote an event that will celebrate the end of the study and unite both communities in faith.

[Click here for Promo Materials available in English and Spanish](#)