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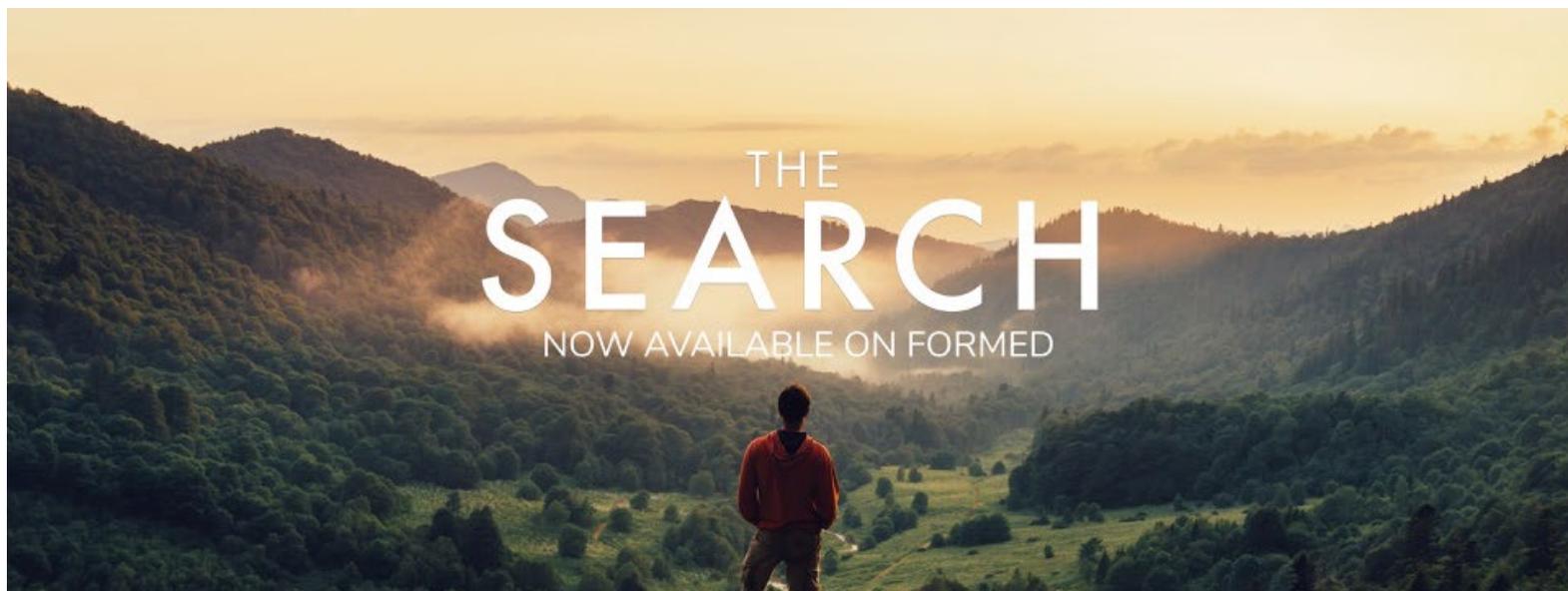
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The Search!

The Search has been described as the most thought-provoking and visually stunning presentation of the Gospel message ever produced. It's first and foremost a compelling story that awakens wonder at life's eternal mysteries. It's for everyone, from committed Catholics, to teenagers, to those outside the Church.

In seven episodes, participants journey together as they explore perennial questions such as, Why are we here? What is our purpose? What do our hearts long for?



FROM THE DESK OF THE NEW FORMED DIRECTOR, DR. BEN AKERS

I am excited to share with you this newsletter, which is designed for pastors and parish leaders engaged with FORMED. Just last month, I began serving in the role of executive director of FORMED after five years in Augustine Institute's graduate school (where I am currently associate professor of theology) and after six years in an archdiocesan position, leading a biblical and catechetical school. I see FORMED as an incredible tool that is intended to be a catechetical resource to supplement your parish's mission and apostolic endeavors. Videos, talks, and eBooks could never replace the service you give your parishioners, but they can be utilized to support your pastoral work



RESOURCES FOR LEADERS

In order to assist you in your task, we have many resources available to you. If you're not familiar with the [Leader Resources page](#) please visit it for FAQs, resources to effectively use FORMED in the parish, and webinars on timely topics. We also have a [Facebook page](#) where you can communicate with other parish leaders and share ideas. The worldwide pandemic has been a graced invitation to reflect on what is important in our lives. I am encouraged when I hear stories of your incredibly creative responses to the shutdowns. Although parish doors might have closed you witnessed to your parish communities the importance of faith in the midst of daily trials and tribulations.

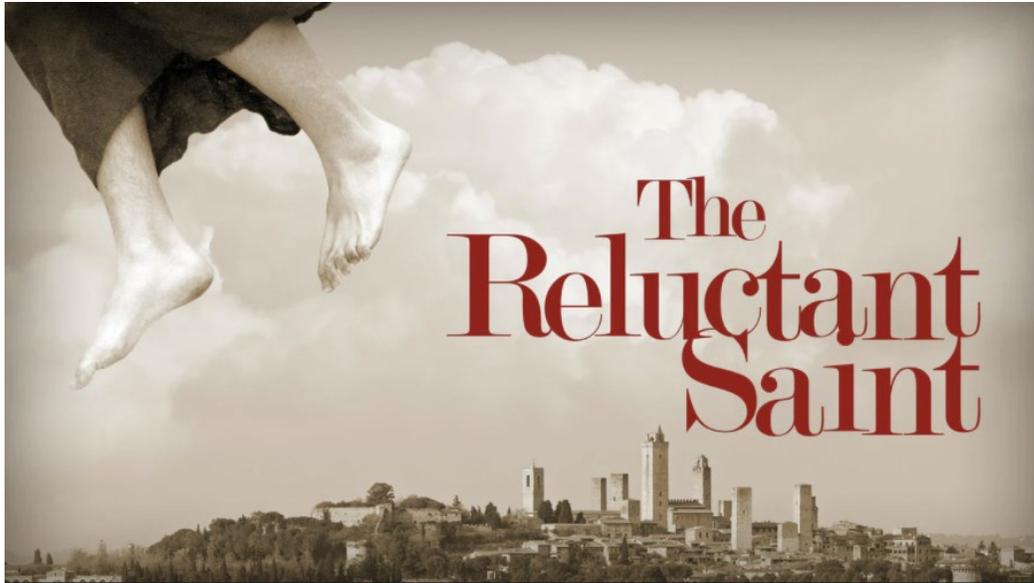
DAILY REFLECTIONS

At FORMED we also pivoted to offer new and timely content through our [Daily Reflections](#) by Dr. Tim Gray and our [FORMED Now!](#) shows, which air Monday through Friday. And we have more to come! Thank you for your support. Let us pray for one another.

FEATURED CONTENT PROVIDERS

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THE RELUCTANT SAINT: THE STORY OF ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO



See this heartwarming and amazing true story of the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood.

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BROTHER FRANCIS SERIES



Invite the children of the parish into the life of Brother Francis as he joyfully lives his Catholic faith and helps them understand the beauty of the Gospel! Ideal for children up to eight years of age.

SAINT OF THE MONTH
PADRE PIO



PADRE **PIO**
MIRACLE MAN

*"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful
and will hear your prayer."*

—Padre Pio of Pietrelcina (1887–1968)

Feast Day: September 23

Find Padre Pio content on FORMED!
Padre Pio for Parents—[English](#) | [Spanish](#)
Padre Pio for Kids—[English](#) | [Spanish](#)

CATECHIST'S CORNER



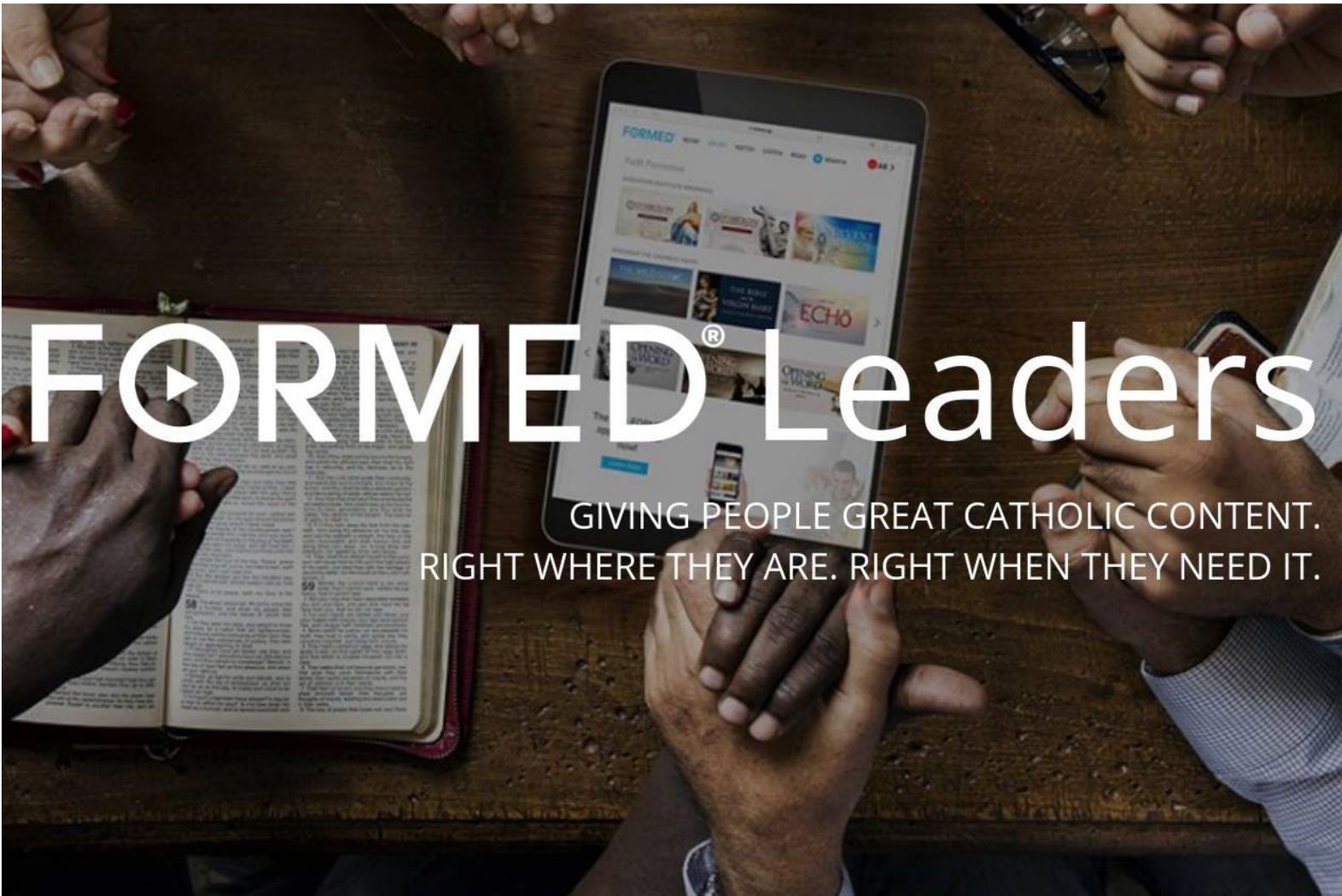
"FORMED is a valuable resource for our parish. Having it available to our parishioners at no cost and the freedom to watch when it is convenient for their busy schedules is a great gift. From those who are seeking information about the Catholic Church to cradle Catholics, FORMED is a treasure trove!"

Karol Seydel

Director of Parish Catechesis

St. Mark Catholic Church, Colorado

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GIVING PEOPLE GREAT CATHOLIC CONTENT.
RIGHT WHERE THEY ARE. RIGHT WHEN THEY NEED IT.

As mentioned above, we have an entire site devoted to helping leaders in your parish effectively use FORMED to engage your parishioners!

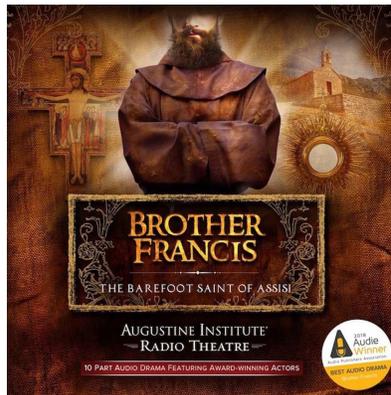
See our [Leader Resources page](#) for ideas and best practices. Bookmark the link to return again and again.

FACES of FORMED



Ted Mast recently joined the FORMED team after working eight years with Augustine Institute Studios. He is a Colorado native (but also a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan!) and he loves spending time with his wife, Hillary, and three children.

This week, Ted and his family are loving *Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi* on FORMED



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