



FORMED Parish-Wide Studies

Parish-Wide Studies (PWS) help Catholics **become proactive in their own faith formation** as individuals and families. By encouraging parishioners to take part in a PWS, you empower the individuals and families to begin building these holy habits and learning their faith on a regular basis on FORMED. Parish-Wide Studies unite us as a family of faith and build up our parishes. We believe what St. John Paul II proclaimed in *Novo Millennio Ineunte*: “*To make the Church the home and the school of communion: that is the great challenge facing us in the millennium, which is now beginning, if we wish to be faithful to God’s plan and respond to the world’s deepest yearnings*” (no. 43).

Our Catholic Faith is the uniting bond that calls us and brings us together. FORMED is a wonderful tool to help all parishioners grow, learn, and strengthen their faith and relationship with our one Lord Jesus Christ in the Church.

To use a parish-wide study to build unity within your parish family, do the following:

1. Choose a Study

Choose a study that fits the needs of your parish. We recommend that you begin with [*Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*](#).

Order the Augustine Institute’s study guides, specially priced at 60% off for parishes with FORMED. Some study guides are downloadable for FREE with a FORMED subscription and can be printed in-house, but many parishes prefer the ease and comparable cost of ordering discounted guides in bulk from [CatholicMarket](#).

2. Extend an Invitation to Participate

Access [free promotional materials](#) to spread the word about the study in your parish. Use your printed materials to spread the word in your bulletin, gathering space, and invite the whole community to take part through a pulpit pitch. Most importantly, extend personal invitations to families, small groups, and individuals.

3. Go through the Study

Use the study's Homily Talking Points (found with the [Parish-Wide Study Resources](#)) to continue delving into the study as a parish family every Sunday. Use social media, weekly announcements, your parish website, and your bulletin to remind parishioners to watch this week's episode.

4. Invite Bilingual Parishes to Celebrate as One Family Under God

All parishioners can take part in the parish-wide study in their own language. At the end, invite them to celebrate that they have been nourished by the common faith of the Church. By recognizing that the Catholic Faith which unites us is greater than our differences, we will be opened to living and collaborating as a family, human and fragile, but filled with our Lord's grace to be One Family Under God. Learn more [here](#).

Keys to an effective parish-wide study are

1. Pastor's involvement and personal invitation
2. Ongoing reminders in the bulletin, announcements, and through personal invitations
3. Delving into the study in homilies to help the parish learn as one