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CORPUS CHRISTI

This June the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi. This time is a perfect opportunity to remind your parishioners of how the Lord humbles himself so that we may receive him in the appearance of bread and wine. Many great resources are available on FORMED to bring your parishioners into a deeper knowledge of the Eucharist.



Faith Prevails: The Miracle of Bolsena

Based on a true story that occurred in the thirteenth century, this short

film is set in Bolsena, Italy, where a priest doubting the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is transformed by an incredible miracle. This experience during Mass forces him to come to terms with his own disbelief. The Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena-Orvieto is a testament to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and was the catalyst for instituting the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Produced entirely by volunteers, this film is a powerful way to introduce the upcoming solemnity to your parishioners and inform them of the Real Presence of Jesus through a creative retelling of the events surrounding this Eucharistic miracle.



Lectio: Eucharist with Dr. Brant Pitre

Host a Bible study with your parish this June by using *Lectio: Eucharist*

presented by the acclaimed author and professor Dr. Brant Pitre. This production, which dives into the biblical roots of the Eucharist, is a fantastic resource for helping your parish dig into the Eucharist as presented by Scripture and the Church's teachings. As the Church in the United States undergoes a Eucharistic revival, continue encouraging your parishioners to grow in devotion to the Eucharist with programs like this *Lectio* series. Accompanying study and leader's guides can be found on Catholic Market.



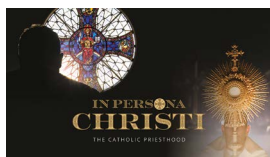
Alive: The Real Presence of Jesus and the Eucharist

This box office hit follows the testimonies of five men and women

whose lives were transformed by their experience of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The moving film from Spain tells each person's incredible story while also revealing the miraculous nature of the Eucharist. When watching this documentary, viewers can learn about the power of the Eucharist and its ability to convert the hearts of many.

HIGHLIGHTS ON FORMED

Help your parishioners in discerning their vocation or deepening their knowledge of the different vocations with these three highlights on FORMED:



In Persona Christi: The Catholic Priesthood

This documentary explores the nature and theology of the priesthood. With commentary and insights from numerous priests, the film dives into the importance of prayer, the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, devotion to Our Lady, priestly fatherhood and celibacy, and the necessity of missionary zeal. Gain a deeper understanding of the priesthood and learn what it really means to act “In Persona Christi” with this remarkable production.

Light of Love

What does it really mean to be a religious sister? Interviewing five sisters from five different orders, *Light of Love* dives into the call to religious life, its ministry, and the struggles and joys involved. In just 60 minutes, viewers can take a step into the life of a sister and come to know this beautiful way of living out the faith.



Marriage: God's Design for Life and Love

With presentations from Cardinal Raymond Burke, Bishop Mark Davies, and others, this documentary is an essential resource for presenting the Catholic vision and understanding of the sacrament of marriage. Focusing on the beauty and meaning of human sexuality, family, and the gift of children, the film looks at both the challenges and joys of marriage in the world today.

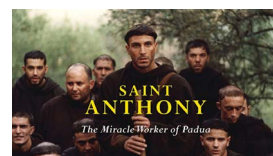
LITURGICAL CALENDAR

This June, help your parishioners dive into their faith with these great resources on FORMED:

June 13: St. Anthony of Padua

St. Anthony: The Miracle Worker of Padua

This feature-length drama following the life of St. Anthony of Padua is a must-see for all ages. Made in Italy with talented acting and moving cinematography, this film emphasizes the incredible story of St. Anthony's life. Born into nobility, Anthony went against his father's wishes and followed God's call to become a monk in the Franciscan order. He eventually became renowned for his miracles, preaching, holiness, and his love for the poor. Encourage your parishioners to celebrate his feast day with this fantastic film.



June 16 and 17: The Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

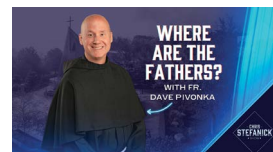
The Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart | Sacred Art

We often see images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. But what do they mean? This episode of FORMED's *Sacred Art* series explores the meaning behind each of these images and helps viewers understand not only what the hearts truly signify, but also how Christ and Our Lady reveal themselves to us with their hearts.

June 18: Father's Day

Men, This Is What You're Made For | Chris Stefanick Show

This episode of the *Chris Stefanick Show* featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka dives into the grace that comes with being a father. The problems of today's culture can be resolved in many ways—starting with men. As Father's Day approaches, help the fathers of your parish come to know and understand the real meaning of fatherhood and its demands, joys, and sacrifices with this great episode.



CONTENT SPOTLIGHT

Sacred Art Series

It can be easy to forget that beauty plays a significant role in the life of the Church. Yet this is one of the transcendentals that points us directly to our Creator. The Church and her many beauties reflect that. Over the years, Catholics have created thousands of works of art that direct those who look upon them to God himself. They act as a reminder that man was made by and for God, and, as Pope St. John Paul II says in his *Letter to Artists*, “God therefore called man into existence, committing to him the craftsman’s task. Through his ‘artistic creativity’ man appears more than ever ‘in the image of God’. . . . With loving regard, the divine Artist passes on to the human artist a spark of his own surpassing wisdom, calling him to share in his creative power.”

When we look at works of art, we can often get lost in their complexities. Things that may appear simple can also reveal a deeper meaning when seen through a theological, historical, cultural, or scriptural lens—and most of us are not experts in dissecting these works of beauty.

To help us understand the meaning behind sacred art, Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers work together to discuss what stories different pieces of art are really telling. In *Sacred Art*, viewers can gain a greater appreciation of the beauty of art by uncovering its many layers.

Each episode focuses on a unique and beautiful work of sacred art. These commentaries not only showcase the work of art but

also incorporate a narrative of the saint or story in the Bible. Your parishioners can learn more about Pentecost, the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, Corpus Christi, Saints Peter and Paul, and so much more.

The *Sacred Art* series on FORMED can be used to share the beauty of the faith in a new and creative way. Consider hosting a *Sacred Art* series or encouraging your parishioners to come together and discuss the intricacies of art in the Church this June.



DEVOTIONAL CONTENT



Be Not Afraid Family Hour

The *Be Not Afraid Family Hour* is an eight-part series that can encourage families at your parish to come together in prayer and learn more about the Catholic faith. Each episode includes educational content, inspirational stories, a meditative Rosary, and practical challenges that can be applied at home. By following this series, families can be encouraged to live out their faith vibrantly through

prayer and devotion. With focuses like finding time for prayer, the importance of passing on the faith, and the love of God, these episodes are created to meet the family in the modern age and bring them to a closer communion with the Lord.

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