

# FAMILY FORMATION

celebrating 32 years

17th annual informational and experiential workshop for pastors, ministry leaders, and parish educators interested in family catechesis  
sponsored by the Catholic Church of Saint Paul in Ham Lake, Minnesota

Saturday, April 4, 2020

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

## What is Family Formation?

### Family Formation:

- Is a family catechesis program for children in pre-K through Grade 6 and their parents
- Is based on the principle that "Parents are the primary educators of their children in the Faith." ~GDC 255
- Revolves around weekly family home lessons providing shared learning experiences that spill over into the family's everyday life
- Has a 30+ year history of producing great spiritual fruit within families
- Is spreading across the US and beyond as the answer to the current catechetical crisis
- Has an adult education and formation component at its core
- Is faithful to the Magisterium and on the USCCB Conformity List
- Is driven by Sacred Scripture and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
- Cooperates with the 3-year liturgical cycle



*Family Formation* will equip parents in your parish to pass on the Catholic Faith to their children, enabling all to grow in their faith together as a family. *Family Formation* provides a unique, challenging, and creative curriculum that is family-based, includes adult catechesis and training for parents, is solidly grounded in the Truth and teachings of the Catholic Church, and is designed to encourage all family members to embrace living and learning the Faith as a life-long adventure.



*Family Formation* for parishes includes:

- † Adult formation and grade-specific classroom curriculum for monthly parish gatherings
- † Weekly family home lessons which equip parents, enabling them to be the primary educators of their children in the Faith
- † Monthly training for volunteer classroom catechists

Learn more about it at [familyformation.net](http://familyformation.net)

Continental breakfast and lunch are provided.

(gluten-free option included)

Your RSVP is required for meal preparation.

To reserve your spot by March 26, 2020, please:

call the *Family Formation* office at the Church of Saint Paul: 763-757-1148

~ or email your reservation to [deb@churchofsaintpaul.com](mailto:deb@churchofsaintpaul.com)

## Schedule for the Day

Check in at 8:30 am

Workshop will begin promptly at 8:40 am

Morning session will include:

- Welcome and overview of the day
- The history of *Family Formation*
- Participation in our regular monthly family gathering
- Words of wisdom from the perspective of the pastor in a *Family Formation* parish
- An overview of Church documents that lay the foundation for this "new" method of catechesis and acknowledge parents as the primary educators of their children in the Faith
- Firsthand account from parents as to the effectiveness of *Family Formation*

Lunch (and opportunity for networking with others in the trenches)

Afternoon session will include:

- A birds-eye view of how all the pieces fit together
- A walk-through of an actual Home Lesson
- An overview of the sacramental prep curriculum – a gateway to implementing family catechesis
- Discussion on the important role of the pastor
- Ideas for how to move forward with what you've learned
- Tips for getting started

Wrap up at 3:00 pm