

# Institute in Lifelong Faith Formation: Course of Study

- Four weeklong courses provide the theoretical foundations, pastoral and catechetical practices, skills, and methods for lifelong faith formation in the parish and at home.
- Courses are taught by veteran teachers engaged in lifelong faith formation as parish catechetical leaders, authors, and program developers.
- Participants can receive three graduate credits per course through the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University of Chicago or the Institute for Religious and Pastoral Studies at the University of Dallas.

## Foundations and Practices of Lifelong Faith Formation

presents the theological and catechetical vision and pastoral practices for developing lifelong faith formation for all ages and generations in the parish community. The *Foundations* course analyzes the social-cultural context and identifies important trends that are having an impact on faith formation today and explores current research on the religious beliefs and practices of American Catholics and the implications of this research on the future of faith formation. It presents the vision of lifelong faith formation, grounded in the catechetical vision of the Catholic Church and the writings of leaders in religious education such as John Westerhoff and Maria Harris. It explores the theory and skills for: 1) fashioning a comprehensive, holistic faith formation curriculum for the whole parish community, 2) designing intergenerational learning, 3) nurturing family and household faith formation throughout the entire life cycle, and 4) developing collaborative and empowering leadership for lifelong faith formation.

**Facilitating Lifelong Learning and Faith Growth** develops the knowledge, practices, and skills of catechetical leaders and teachers to facilitate learning throughout the life cycle in age-specific settings from childhood through adulthood and in intergenerational settings with all ages. The course explores a developmental understanding of faith growth from infancy through older adulthood and the potential for faith formation at each stage throughout life. It also explores the family life cycle from the new couple through the family in later life and the potential for faith formation at each stage of the family life cycle. *Facilitating Lifelong Learning and Faith Growth* cultivates the spiritual dimensions of the call to teach and explores the specific challenges catechetical leaders and teachers face in teaching for spiritual and faith growth. It presents practical approaches and methods for teaching age groups and intergenerational groups in parish settings, as well as facilitating learning and faith growth at home. The course also develops skills and presents resources for training catechists in parish settings.

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## Becoming a Faith Community of Lifelong Learning and Practice

presents the theological and theoretical foundations and the educational practices for developing the parish and home as intentional faith communities of learning and practice. It gives the vision, practices, and resources for creating a *culture of learning* in which learning permeates every aspect of the parish and home communities and is viewed as a lifelong endeavor.

**Emerging Issues in Lifelong Faith Formation** explores the emergence of lifelong faith formation in parish communities. It examines research on the effectiveness of lifelong faith formation in the parish and at home; significant trends affecting the future of lifelong faith formation; and issues critical to sustaining the continued development of lifelong faith formation in parish communities.

## 2006 Institute Participant Quotes

*"I have a much better understanding of the history of catechesis and the theories/theorists who have helped shape our current understanding."*

*"Before, we knew the challenges. Now we appreciate the blessing in those challenges...I've learned the importance of looking for teachable moments within the parish and being a stronger resource for the parish family."*

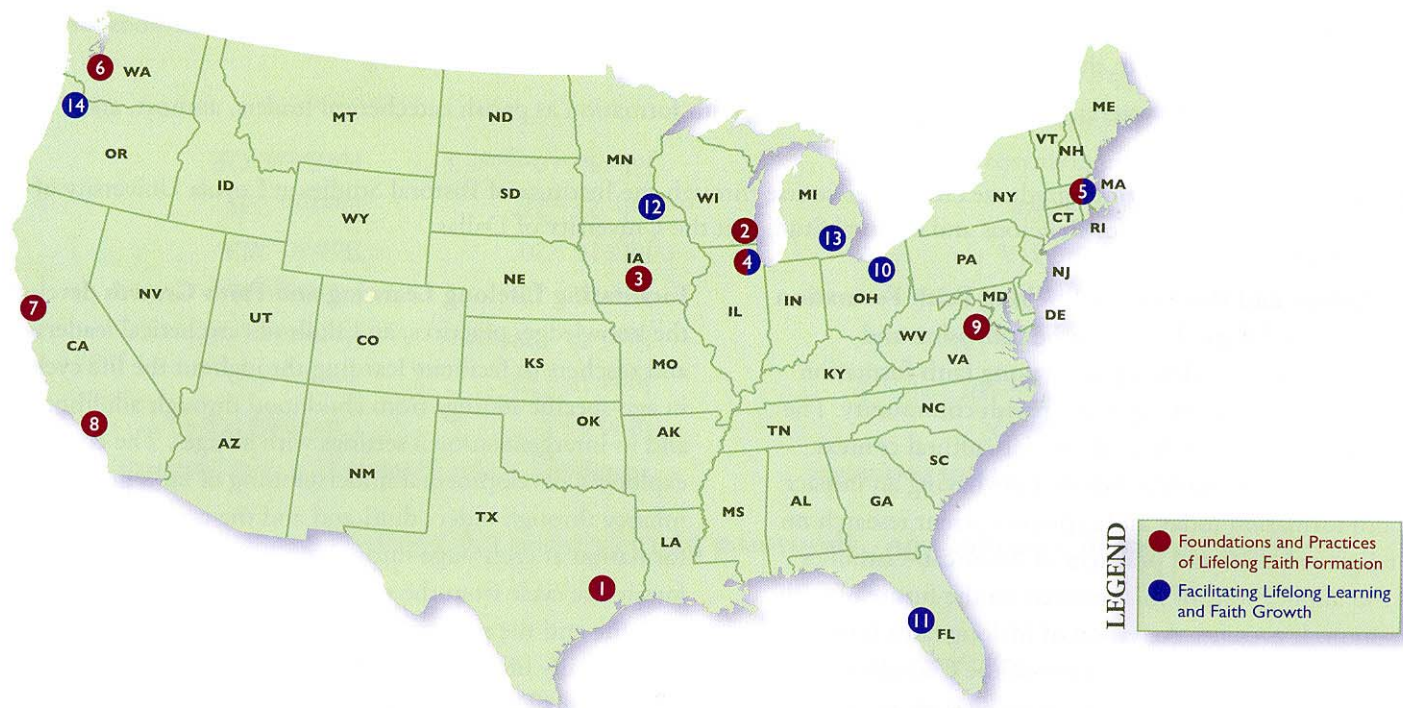
*"I have a much better understanding of what lifelong faith formation is, how to begin, how to use Church documents in planning, and a firm belief that our Catholic faith is tremendously rich and intergenerational faith formation is key to passing on our Catholic identity to all ages."*

*"I have a better direction. I see the whole picture and recognize the steps or elements to building a vision of a parish learning and forming together."*



**The Institute in Lifelong Faith Formation** is a service of the Center for Ministry Development, a Catholic nonprofit organization, whose mission is to provide leadership training, consultation, resources and program services to the Catholic Church in the areas of youth ministry, young adult ministry, family and intergenerational ministry, and lifelong faith formation.

# Institute in Lifelong Faith Formation: Dates and Locations



## Foundations and Practices of Lifelong Faith Formation

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| <p><b>1</b> June 11-15 – Houston<br/>Diocesan Center<br/>Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston<br/>2403 Holcombe Boulevard<br/>Houston, TX</p> | <p><b>4</b> July 9-13 – Chicago<br/>Institute of Pastoral Studies<br/>Loyola University of Chicago<br/>820 N. Michigan Avenue<br/>Chicago, IL</p> | <p><b>7</b> July 30-August 3 – San Francisco<br/>Our Lady of Angels Parish<br/>1721 Hillside Drive<br/>Burlingame, CA 94010-4727</p> |
| <p><b>2</b> June 18-22 – Milwaukee<br/>Our Lady of Lourdes Parish<br/>3722 S. 58th Street<br/>Milwaukee, WI</p>                           | <p><b>5</b> July 16-20 – Boston<br/>Our Lady Help of Christians Parish<br/>573 Washington Street<br/>Newton, MA</p>                               | <p><b>8</b> August 6-10 – Los Angeles<br/>St. Jerome Parish<br/>5550 Thornburn Street<br/>Los Angeles, CA</p>                        |
| <p><b>3</b> June 25-29 – Des Moines<br/>St. Francis of Assisi Parish<br/>7075 Ashworth Road<br/>West Des Moines, IA</p>                   | <p><b>6</b> July 23-27 – Seattle<br/>St. Vincent de Paul Parish<br/>30525 8th Avenue South<br/>Federal Way, WA</p>                                | <p><b>9</b> August 6-10 – Washington, DC<br/>Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish<br/>8601 Wolftrap Road<br/>Vienna, VA</p>               |

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| <p><b>10</b> June 4-8 – Cleveland<br/>St. Ladislav Parish<br/>2345 Bassett Road<br/>Westlake, OH</p>             | <p><b>4</b> July 16-20 – Chicago<br/>Institute of Pastoral Studies<br/>Loyola University of Chicago<br/>820 N. Michigan Avenue<br/>Chicago, IL</p> | <p><b>13</b> July 23-27 – Detroit<br/>St. John Neumann Parish<br/>44800 Warren Street<br/>Canton, MI</p>             |
| <p><b>11</b> June 18-22 – Tampa<br/>Christ the King Parish<br/>821 South Dale Mabry Highway<br/>Tampa, FL</p>    | <p><b>5</b> July 16-20 – Boston<br/>Our Lady Help of Christians Parish<br/>573 Washington Street<br/>Newton, MA</p>                                | <p><b>14</b> July 30-August 3 – Portland<br/>St. Rita Parish<br/>10029 NE Prescott Street<br/>Portland, OR 97220</p> |
| <p><b>12</b> June 25-29 – Rochester<br/>Church of the Resurrection<br/>1600 11th Avenue SE<br/>Rochester, MN</p> |  |  |

## Institute in Lifelong Faith Formation: Faculty

The Institute faculty is made up of veteran teachers and practitioners of lifelong faith formation in national, diocesan and parish settings of church life. All have Masters degrees in theology, religious education, pastoral ministry, or faith formation. Each course will have a lead teacher from the Center for Ministry Development and an adjunct teacher (with the exception of our university courses).

### Lead Teachers

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**Leif Kehrwald**, project coordinator for Family and Intergenerational Services at CMD, has published books and articles on family life, family ministry, marriage, and youth ministry. He is the editor and co-author of *Families and Faith* (23rd Publications). Leif holds an M.A. in adult and family ministry from Regis University and teaches courses on family ministry and faith formation.

**Mariette Martineau**, project coordinator for Family and Intergenerational Services at CMD, authored the *People of Faith Coordinator's Manual* and co-authored two intergenerational programs: *Celebrating Sacraments and Responding in Prayer* (Harcourt Religion Publishers). She has a Masters in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University of Chicago and teaches courses in youth ministry and faith formation.

**John Roberto**, director of Lifelong Faith Associates and founder of the Center for Ministry Development, was creator and project coordinator for CMD's *Generations of Faith Project*. He authored the *Generations of Faith Resource Manual* and *Becoming a Church of Lifelong Learners* (23rd Publications). He has authored four volumes of intergenerational programming: *Acting for Justice*, *Following Jesus*, *Professing Our Faith*, and *Living the Moral Life* (Harcourt Religion Publishers). John holds a Masters Degree in religious education from Fordham University.

**Joan Weber**, project coordinator for the Institute in Lifelong Faith Formation, is co-author of two intergenerational programs: *Celebrating Sacraments and Responding in Prayer* (Harcourt Religion Publishers). She holds a Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministry from Creighton University and teaches courses in youth ministry, young adult ministry and faith formation.

### Adjunct Teachers

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**Kathie Amidei**, Pastoral Associate for Lifelong Faith Formation, St. Anthony on the Lake Catholic Parish, Pewaukee, WI

**Kathleen Atkinson**, OSB, D.Min., Director, Christian Leadership Center, University of Mary, Bismarck, ND

**Judith Dunlap**, Catechetical Consultant, St. Anthony Messenger Press, Cincinnati, OH

**Kathy Filippelli**, Director of Catechetical Formation, Diocese of St. Petersburg, FL

**Joyce Kelleher**, Secretary for Catechetical Services, Diocese of Cleveland, OH

**Jim Merhaut**, Director of Religious Education, St. Edward's Catholic Church, Youngstown, OH

**Tammy Norcross**, Pastoral Minister, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Newton, IA

**Katie Pfiffner**, Director of Faith Formation, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Waverly, IA

**Andrea Sabor**, Director for Adult Faith Formation, Department of Education, Diocese of Green Bay, WI

**Joyce Solimini**, Associate Director, Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, Diocese of Albany, NY

## Institute in Lifelong Faith Formation: Program Information

**Schedule:** The courses meet from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Monday-Thursday, and 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Friday.

**Fees:** The Institute fee is \$350 plus the cost of books. The course binder is included in the registration cost. Lunch and refreshments are \$50 for the week.

**Registration:** Register by printing the registration form online at [www.generationsofffaith.org](http://www.generationsofffaith.org) and faxing it to 203-723-1624 (with a credit card deposit), or by mailing the form with your check to CMD, P.O. Box 699, Naugatuck, CT 06770. Register by phone with your credit card deposit at 888-723-2433. All registrations must be received at least one month prior to the program you select. Space is limited to 50 participants per site. Registrations are confirmed on a first come, first served basis.

**Housing:** A list of hotels near each Institute location will be available on line at [www.generationsofffaith.org](http://www.generationsofffaith.org), for those who need overnight accommodations.

**Graduate Credit:** Graduate credit is available for both courses. Contact Linda Roberto ([linda@cmdnet.org](mailto:linda@cmdnet.org)) for information.

of youth ministry, young adult ministry, adult faith formation, and family ministry  
 pastors, catechetical coordinators, RCIA and sacramental preparation leaders, and coordinators

**Specialty Designed for Parish and Diocesan Leadership**

August 6-10	Washington, DC	August 6-10	Los Angeles, CA
July 30-August 3	San Francisco, CA	July 30-August 3	Portland, OR
July 23-27	Seattle, WA	July 23-27	Detroit, MI
July 16-20	Boston, MA	July 16-20	Boston, MA
July 9-13	Chicago, IL	July 16-20	Chicago, IL
June 25-29	Des Moines, IA	June 25-29	Rochester, MN
June 18-22	Milwaukee, WI	June 18-22	Tampa, FL
June 11-15	Houston, TX	June 4-8	Cleveland, OH

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