

**Let's talk
about how I
can serve your
adult Catholics**

I encourage you to contact me today to discuss your parish's or group's interests and needs. I am eager to design a special retreat experience, adult faith formation event or catechist/staff workshop for you.

I am willing to work within your budget and timeline, so don't hesitate to ask!

"How could I not be moved by your teaching? ... The Bible seems to come alive when you read and explain it...."

RCIA participant

"I just want to thank you for offering such a rich retreat on God's mercy. ... I saw the presence of Christ in you during the retreat ... your genuineness"

Retreat participant

"I just wanted to thank you for such a super First Communion class for the parents! I really learned a lot, but it was so much more—a parenting class and a reaffirming time in my faith. You truly have a gift for inspiring and genuinely encouraging others!"

Parent in First Communion class

"I wish you could have felt my heart after your retreat last night, so full of joy and peace and purpose. Thank you for being such an excellent minister for Jesus."

Participant of School Staff retreat

"You walked us through the journey of faith with such gentle wisdom and inspired us to continue our faith with courage and intention. I appreciated the Biblical stories, personal reflection time and the guided meditation. ... such a splendid retreat!"

Women's Retreat participant

"You are so knowledgeable and always presented things in a way that was interesting and easy to understand. I have learned a lot."

Parent in First Communion class

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The New Evangelization...

Adult Catholics are hungry for formation and support in their faith. For many, childhood religious education left them unprepared for their adult questions and concerns. For others, the lies and temptations of the world have left them empty, guilty, and confused. Others seek a firmer grounding in the timeless truths of the Catholic Church—with clear and relevant explanations of how they apply in today's world. Others seek a richer experience of Sacred Scripture, the Sacraments and the traditions of Catholicism.

How can we evangelize our own faithful so they can go out and preach the Gospel with clarity and love to others? Renewing our Church is the foundation of the New Evangelization—and it has been my lifework.

If you want to provide your parishioners or members of your group with an excellent, well-designed, faithfully Catholic, inspiring presentation, please consider calling me. I can help supplement on-going faith formation with retreats, workshops and faith formation classes.

My Background

I have worked in parish and school ministry for over 25 years; currently I work at St. Paul Parish School in Eugene, Oregon. I earned an M.A. from the University of Washington and completed coursework for a Masters in Ministry from Seattle University. I possess extensive knowledge of Sacred Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the Sacraments.



I have taught adult education courses on a wide variety of topics, led RCIA and Bible Study sessions for over 20 years, and conducted parent classes in First Penance and First Holy Communion preparation. I have led retreats and workshops for school staff and volunteer catechists. I have organized multi-generational and youth retreats and worked with children in first grade through high school.

My Approach

My strengths include a talent for explaining and applying doctrine and Scripture. I love using stories from the lives of saints or from my own experiences to get people thinking and praying. I bring energy and applicability to the truths of our faith. I am faithfully and joyfully Catholic—and I want to encourage others to prioritize and embrace their faith. I include prayer, presentation, and discussion time, while providing beautiful booklets for participants to bring home.

My Offerings

Retreats

- “Time for a Faith Lift”—*what faith is, how to grow in faith & how to share it*
- “Fan Into Flame”—*exploring what steals our passion for Christ and ways to rekindle our spiritual life*
- “The Face of Mercy”—*defining Biblical mercy and using Gospel stories to help us understand how mercy works in our lives*
- “New Life in Christ”—*facing the world’s lies about who we are and embracing the truth of our identity in Christ*
- “Conceived in Her Heart”—*studying Old Testament images to help us understand Our Blessed Mother and God’s plan of salvation*
- *Advent and Lenten Retreats including “Invitations to the Manger” and “The Landscapes of Lent”*

Faith Formation

- The Eucharist and the Mass
- The Sacrament of Penance
- Genesis 3 and the Nature of Sin
- Faith Lessons from St. Paul’s Letters
- Growing Godly Virtues

My speaker fee usually ranges from \$200-\$700 depending on length of presentation and number attending, plus travel reimbursement.

**Have a different topic or theme in mind?
Call me and see how I can help!
I am happy to provide references, please call.**

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