

PLANNING FAITH FORMATION

KEY CONSIDERATIONS DURING COVID-19

DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE PANDEMIC, THESE CONSIDERATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME, AND WILL BE SUPERSEDED BY ANY REGULATIONS, ORDERS OR GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR BISHOP BRENNAN.



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Consider the goal/objective of this particular activity or program. Is it to build disciples, foster spiritual growth, provide pastoral care, engage youth in service, or an opportunity for prayer and community?



SAFETY AND PASTORAL CARE

What is the safest way to effectively achieve this goal? Pastoral Care must always be our first and guiding principle during a pandemic.



FAMILY LIFE TODAY

Conscious of the reality of family life today, review expectations and content for clarity while focusing on the essentials of our faith.



"GOD-TALK", PRAYER, FAMILY RITUALS

Conversations about God, praying together, and having family rituals are important things to emphasize.



STAY CONNECTED

Regular general and personal communication with your people is especially important at this time.



PASTOR'S GUIDANCE

Consult with your pastor for his guidance, he has final discretion in all parish matters.



CONSIDERING OTHERS

Consider the thoughts and feelings of each person, family, team member and volunteer. The safety of your volunteers and families should take priority, especially if any are particularly vulnerable.



DIVERSE NEEDS

Can options be offered to meet your objectives? Be mindful of the diverse needs of your families? (such as continuing to offer virtual options to those not comfortable meeting in person, or print/supplemental materials to families who may not have the resources to meet online)

