**Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century – February 3, 2018**

This series of five (5) videos comprise the Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century one-day workshop. On February 3, 2018, parish leaders from across the Archdiocese of Toronto gathered at St. Edward the Confessor Church for this first workshop of the Reimagine Faith Formation Project, presented by John Roberto from Vibrant Faith. For more information about this project, contact Racquel Sevilla from the Office of Formation for Discipleship at 416-934-3400 ext. 509.

**Link to the YouTube Playlist:**

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6dTaamqU0EMa-km5lSGxSs9edyiDLS9j>

**Part 1: Intro to the Reimagine Faith Formation Project**

<https://youtu.be/zqobql_wcQ0?list=PL6dTaamqU0EMa-km5lSGxSs9edyiDLS9j>

In this video, John provides an overview of the Reimagine Faith Formation project and what to expect in terms of the process and ongoing support throughout the project. He invites parishes to discover ways to build on assets and strengths of the parish and find out what’s appropriate to meet parishioners’ needs. He explains that the focus of this workshop is to introduce the faith forming ecology and practices for the 21st century. John ends the segment with a question to consider: What’s your vision (dreams and hopes) for faith formation in your parish community?

**Part 2: 21st Century Faith Formation Challenges & Opportunities**

<https://youtu.be/U2ShKsCQlHI?list=PL6dTaamqU0EMa-km5lSGxSs9edyiDLS9j>

In this video, John talks about the necessity of adapting approaches, methods and tools to respond to current challenges and opportunities of 21st century faith formation such as: the 10 decades of the life cycle, generational identities, diverse family forms and styles, diverse spiritual-religious identities, decline in religious transmission and practice and new technologies. Short term fixes will not solve adaptive challenges such as these.

**Part 3: Faith Forming Ecology & Maturing in Faith**

<https://youtu.be/ovid5D_SRxM?list=PL6dTaamqU0EMa-km5lSGxSs9edyiDLS9j>

In this video, John compares and contrasts how faith forming ecologies have changed over time. He explains that the new faith forming ecology needs to have the following components: intergenerational, family, life cycle and missional. The antidote to the problem of start and stop catechesis is to plan for lifelong faith maturing (from children to older adults). What’s the road we want to put people on? What are those faith maturing characteristics? How do we help people mature in faith at each stage of life?

**Part 4: Overview of Personalizing Faith Formation & Elements of a Comprehensive Approach**

<https://youtu.be/r95aax5-DTY?t=1s>

John introduces the concepts of faith growth pathways and playlists as a way of responding to the diverse needs of parishioners and personalizing faith formation. He also shares an overview of the faith forming environments that are key components of the faith formation plan: intergenerational, family and peer/age-specific. These are covered in greater detail in [Workshop 2](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6dTaamqU0EPg9zXZGE_3khdTdr52zHNr). He briefly touches upon the remaining two elements of a comprehensive approach, namely, mission outreach and using digitally enabled strategies. Finally, he talks about using a congregational faith formation assessment tool to help develop the congregational faith formation profile and tasked parishes to form a project team.

**Part 5: Homework for the Next Workshop**

<https://youtu.be/RNBN_y69Vdo?list=PL6dTaamqU0EMa-km5lSGxSs9edyiDLS9j>

John wraps up the workshop by recapping next steps and available support. He reminds people that each project should incorporate all the elements of lifelong faith formation. Once parishes have done the project for one age group, they will have the confidence and competence to apply this to other age groups. The content and target audience/people may change, but the process, methods and tools will stay the same.