What is LFFA?

The LFFA is a professional association of those responsible for parish faith formation in the Diocese of Portland, including Parish Catechetical Leaders, Youth Ministers and Pastoral Life Coordinators. We gather bi-monthly from September to June to strengthen our faith and relationship with Christ, foster professional development, share best practices and offer mutual support.



How to Join LFFA?

Go to www.portlanddiocese.org and select 'Lifelong Faith Formation', then 'Parish Leadership'. From the drop down menu, select Lifelong Faith Formation Association. Click 'to join' and follow the instructions.

There is a \$35.00* membership fee which supports speaker fees.

Make checks payable to Lifelong Faith Formation Association and write the member's name in the memo line.

Mail checks to:

Diocese of Portland--OLFF Attn: Hannah Gonneville 510 Ocean Ave Portland, ME 04103

*Scholarships available. FMI contact the LFFA Treasurer.

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Schedule of LFFA Meetings—Virtual & In-Person 9-11:30am

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Making Adoration Accessible for Families
In-person locations:
Christian Life Center, Frenchville
Chancery, Portland

Prince of Peach Church, Lewiston St. Joseph's Church, Brewer

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Post-Sacramental Prep – Fostering Ongoing Family Involvement & Engagement In-person locations:

> Holy Rosary Parish Center, Caribou Chancery, Portland Prince of Peach Church, Lewiston St. Joseph's Church. Brewer

Thursday, January 11, 2024

Building Youth Ministry

Presenter: Shawn Gregory
In-person locations:
Christian Life Center, Frenchville
Chancery, Portland

Prince of Peach Church, Lewiston St. Joseph's Church, Brewer

Thursday, March 14, 2024

Adult Faith Formation

Presenters: Mary Colombo & Paula Moses
In-person locations:
Holy Rosary Parish Center, Caribou
Chancery, Portland
Prince of Peach Church, Lewiston
St. Joseph's Church, Brewer

Tuesday-Thursday, May 7-9, 2024, Location TBA

LFFA Spring Retreat — Finding Peace through Prayer

Vicariate Representatives



Clare Desrosiers Vicariate I



Jeanine Wright Vicariate II



Vicariate III Vic



Tyler Nadeau Vicariate IV



Joanne Fortier Vicariate V



Carolyn Houston Vicariate VI

Why join LFFA?

- Opportunity to gather in a prayerful setting with other catechetical leaders
- Deepen relationship with Christ and respond to the call to live as a disciple
- Support and encourage each other in ministry
- Strengthen understanding of faith and ministry
- Connect with Office of Lifelong Faith Formation
- Network and share ideas with other professionals in similar areas of ministry



"Where parish catechetical leaders can learn, network, share ideas and grow."

In conjunction with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, we, as catechetical leaders, form the Lifelong Faith Formation Association.

We are fully committed to Jesus and faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church and the directives of the Bishop of Portland.

We strive to employ the variety of our gifts, services, and ministries for the building of the Kingdom of God by serving those who minister in the parishes of Maine

Diocesan Office of Lifelong Faith Formation

LFFA collaborates with the Office of Lifelong **Dr. Lori Dahlhoff**

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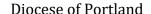
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2023-2024



Meeting Schedule

9:00 Opening Prayer

9:20 Professional Development Presentation

10:20 Break

10:30 Business Meeting

11:30 Adjourn