

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.

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

Thursday, September 11, 2025
*Modern Challenges Facing the Church
& How to Address Them*
Presenter: Fr. Daniel Greenleaf
In-person locations:
Holy Rosary Parish Center, Caribou
Chancery, Portland
Holy Family Church, Lewiston
St. Joseph's Church, Brewer

Thursday, November 13, 2025
*Best Practices in Family Faith Formation
Group Reading & Discussion*
In-person locations:
Holy Rosary Parish Center, Caribou
Chancery, Portland
Holy Family Church, Lewiston
St. Joseph's Church, Brewer

Thursday, January 8, 2026
Family Integration Model
Presenter: Kathie Amidei
In-person locations:
Holy Rosary Parish Center, Caribou
Chancery, Portland
Holy Family Church, Lewiston
St. Joseph's Church, Brewer

Thursday, March 12, 2026
*How to Confront Resistance to Change
& Help the Parish Move Forward*
Presenter: Bishop James Ruggieri
In-person locations:
Holy Rosary Parish Center, Caribou
Chancery, Portland
Holy Family Church, Lewiston
St. Joseph's Church, Brewer

Wednesday-Thursday, May 13-14, 2026, St. Joseph's—Bangor
LFFA Spring Retreat — Living as a Disciple of Christ in a Secular World—Presenter: Fr. Joel Cyr

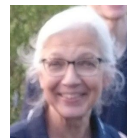
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Why join LFFA?

- 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 Faith Formation.



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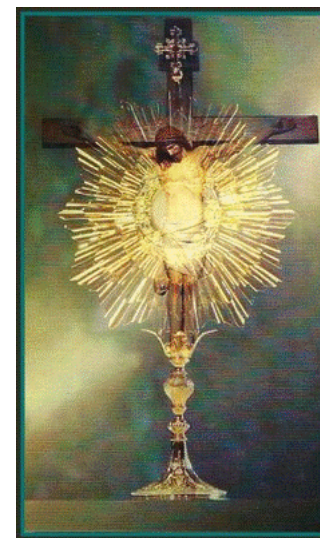
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Meeting Schedule

9:00 Opening Prayer

9:20 Professional
Development
Presentation

10:20 Break

10:30 Business Meeting

11:30 Adjourn